

With Three Vacancies Pending

Mayor to Re-examine Nominations Ordinance

By Isabelle Hall

With three vacancies to be filled, Mayor Ken White said he wants to re-examine the controversial ordinance that he forced through the previous City Council giving the mayor's prerogative to appoint Planning Commissioners to the full council.

"I'm going to call that ordinance back and have it rediscussed," White said in an interview. "The ordinance is very difficult in times when you need to move quickly. I want to take a look at the ordinance and see if we can't modify it in some regard."

Asked why he requested the resignation of Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar, White said, "Three people on the council over a period of three months had expressed concerns that the change ought to be made." Asked why, White said, "Ask them."

White also said he would propose the three men already interviewed under the ordinance for the commission vacancies, "if the council feels comfortable," but added that he really would like to see more women on the commission. The men are Carl Livingston, Louis Rolle and Roger Rector.

At an emotionally charged Commission meeting Aug. 12, Poohar resigned at the mayor's request. At the same meeting, Commissioner Jim Miller said he would quit at the end of the month because the mayor had made it clear his services were no longer wanted.

Chairwoman Carla Ramsey, who has not been asked to stay on when her term expires in September, briefly lost her composure as she wrestled with angry tears, saying she had been told by White just 10 minutes before the meeting began that he had asked for Poohar's resignation.

After meeting with White Poohar said, "Among other things the mayor asked that I consider resigning from the Planning Commission inasmuch as some members of the council have discussed with him their desire that the council act to terminate me as a Planning Commissioner, to which decision he said that he had acquiesced. While I would prefer to complete my term I

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A LARGE BEER TRUCK which had been parked across Village Drive and Center on Friday injuring employee Mac Wafford. See story page 19. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

On Eve of Dam Hearings

District Agrees to Private CV Well Rights

By Stan Hall

Heading off possibly troublesome protests, directors of the water management district made peace with some of the largest private well owners in Carmel Valley in advance of Monday's crucial state hearings on a permit for a new Los Padres dam.

On a series of 6-0 votes, the directors approved so-called stipulated agreements Monday night acknowledging the right of private pumpers—including three golf courses—to use water from the Carmel River aquifer. Among the agreements was one with California-American Water Co.

"It's a good agreement both ways," said David Laredo, legal counsel to the board.

Given some of the acrimony that existed in the past, the settlements with some of the largest well owners in the Valley was seen as a major step forward in the district's efforts to win approval for a new dam.

By agreeing that others have legitimate claims to use water from the river, the district avoided having their protests heard at the state Water Resources Control Board hearings opening in Sacramento Monday and won their support for the long-planned Los Padres project.

The complex hearings will take up the district's application for a permit for a new dam and consider complaints filed against Cal-Am's management of the river by four groups—the Sierra Club, the state Parks & Recreation Department, Citizens' Water Committee and the Carmel Valley Steelhead Association.

In addition to the agreement with Cal-Am, directors approved specific water amounts for Carmel Valley Ranch, Hacienda Carmel, Quail Lodge and Quail Meadows, Rancho Canada and the

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Emergency 911 System Handles Half-Million Calls Yearly

By Stan Hall

In a dimly lit basement room of the Monterey courthouse, a bank of communications consoles sit just waiting for the telephone to ring, the red glow from their computer screens giving the scene the eerie look of a military war room.

This is the Monterey Communications Center, where 911 and other emergency calls are received and handled. From the telephones on the consoles, most police or sheriff's units, fire trucks and crews, medical ambulances or rescue efforts are dispatched on the Monterey Peninsula.

Only the City of Carmel operates its own 911 emergency communications system on the peninsula, maintaining a 24-hour switchboard in the police department of the mile square city where house numbers and street lights are

prohibited by choice.

The center in Monterey and a larger one in Salinas serve the rest of the county, both manned around the clock by a staff of 18 men and 24 women. They take the calls, assess their seriousness and decide who to dispatch and with what urgency.

It costs a little more than \$3 million a year to operate the system. All of the agencies which use it are billed for a share of the cost based on the jurisdiction's assessed property valuation, its population and its residents' historical record of using 911.

Last year, the county's 911 telephone rang 147,213 times—107,090 in the Salinas Center and 40,123 in Monterey.

Overall, the two centers handled a total of 530,412 "public safety details," according to

Bill Martin, the county's director of emergency services whose responsibility includes communications. He explained that includes all calls handled by the dispatchers—even such things as requests for license plate and outstanding warrant checks.

Liz Crooke is the manager of Monterey Center, overseeing a staff of 19 full-time and 3 part time communications dispatchers. They handle the ten 911 lines and 18 non-emergency lines feed into their state-of-the-art consoles.

Friday and Saturday nights are typically the busiest times and as many as six dispatchers might be assigned to work then, especially if an event like the County Fair or Laguna Seca races are taking place.

What are the most common type of emergency

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LETTERS

Build A New Dam for Growth?

The map on page 12 of the Aug. 13 issue of the *Sun* is somehow incorrect.

The water district is proposing to construct a 24,000 acre-foot (AF) dam downstream from the present Los Padres dam, not 16,000 AF as shown. The spillway elevation is designed for 1,120 feet, not 1,090 feet as shown. This places the sacred Esselen sites under 80 feet of water.

It is interesting to note that the present capacity of the silted up dams is about 2,500 AF. The proposed dam is therefore about 10 times the current capacity. If the two dams were dredged out they would have a combined capacity of about 5,000 AF. If we set aside an additional 5,000 AF for a drought reserve and 5,000 AF for the fish there will be 9,000 AF left over.

It seems naive to me to accept the water district's premise that we need 10 times the present capacity for the fish and a drought reserve. The excess is clearly for growth. Is this what the people want?

John Brennan
Carmel Valley

The author was identified as "tribal engineer" in the news release announcing that the Esselen wanted to protest the dam before state Water Resources Control Board hearings. He is correct that the permit application is for a 24,000 acre-foot dam. However, directors of the water management district consistently have said their preferred alternative is for a 16,000 acre-foot dam in conjunction with a 3 million-gallon-a-day desalination project. That is why we chose to run the map, taken from the environmental impact report, showing the 16,000 acre-foot reservoir. We have written in the past that the water district would seek a permit for a 24,000 acre-foot reservoir, but planned to build the smaller 16,000 acre-foot one if its proposal for a companion desal plant is approved. We probably should have noted that again to explain why we ran the map showing the smaller reservoir.—The Ed.

Leave Mill Creek Alone

In regards to the article written by your staff writer, Carolyn Rice, concerning the Mill Creek Preserve in Palo Colorado Canyon, one point brought up during the meeting at the Mill Creek site was the issue of cost to the taxpayer, something that Ms. Rice did not report.

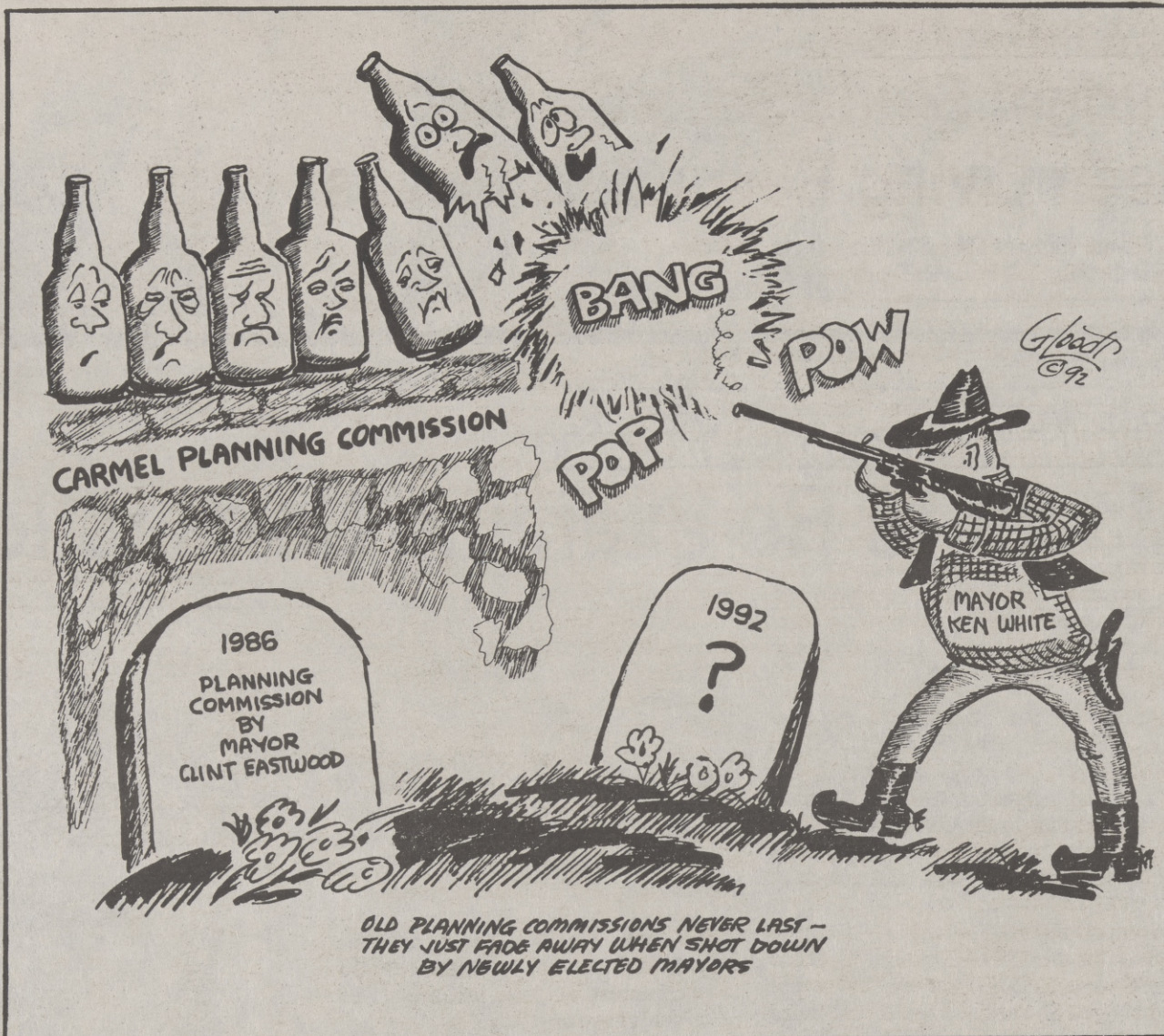
The cost difference of the two sites is considerable. Site A1 (the location initially proposed by the regional park district) has an estimated cost way in excess of site A2 (the location preferred by the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee). It would be a considerable savings to the taxpayer if site A2 were developed.

The redwoods on site A2 mentioned in the article were listed as if they were sizeable. They are not. Most of the 15 trees slated for removal are less than five inches in diameter, some are only small sprouts. The oak trees slated for removal on site A1 are of a greater size and age.

The amount of grading to be done on site A1 is substantial and would remove a large part of the existing knoll. Even with the removal of the knoll as per the plan, the area is barely wide enough to park cars and exit from the vehicle safely. The ability to drive out of the area is only achieved by backing up into another space and turning around so that the vehicle is once again facing the roadway.

It has been the consensus of the land owners in the Palo Colorado Canyon area that this land not be developed at all, but used as a true wildlife preserve. The continual disregard of the wishes of the residents of the area has been noted and brought up in public fora.

Are we to be totally ignored by all the elected officials of



our park district board? It seems that the more we object to an act by the park district, the more they are determined to provide unwanted services, paid for by those taxpayers who continually, for over three years, have just said no!

Cathleen M. Connell
Palo Colorado Canyon

Praise for an Honest Plumber

My fiercely independent 93-year-old Irish mother-in-law lives alone in a big, two story house. Her wash basin wasn't draining well.

She called a plumber who showed her a large diamond brooch he had extracted from the pipes where it was causing the problem.

The brooch was blackened by residue collecting around it since she "misplaced" this sentimental piece of jewelry over a year ago.

The plumber took the pin to Giuseppe's Work Bench in Carmel Valley Village, had it cleaned and returned to her, sparkling as it did the day it was new.

I would like to publicly thank that plumber, not only for his thoughtfulness in having the pin cleaned, but also for his basic honesty in reporting the cause of the stoppage rather than pocketing it.

Thanks again Stew Clough of Stew's Plumbing in Carmel Valley Village. I hope this letter brings you at least one new customer looking for an honest plumber.

Alex Hale
Carmel Valley

Election Preferences Made Known

This coming election...

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Sey-More of Cranston at the unemployment line.

No More Willies at budget time.

Sac the whole bunch.

Paul T. Nielsen
Carmel

Appreciates Coverage of Seniors

Your style of investigative reporting is both refreshing, professional and very readable. Out and About in the July 30 issue expresses well our need to be inspired and encouraged by reading of and associating with those who have strived to live a full life of both morality and charity and be able to laugh at themselves.

And Carolyn Rice did a most astute, accurate and most lovely written portrait of Helga Langer.

Victoria Macy
Carmel

Evacuation Drill Set For Robles del Rio

In its first test of a newly drafted disaster preparedness plan, the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department will simulate a fast-moving wildlands fire in Robles del Rio neighborhoods Aug. 28 in a drill involving some 20 other agencies.

"This will be a large scale test of the mutual aid system and will help identify those areas of the disaster preparedness plan that need updating and revision," said Capt. Jeff Frye of the evacuation exercise scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. next Friday.

No residents will be evacuated, Frye said. But the drill will provide a test of plans that have been developed for dealing with a natural disaster in the steep, wooded area in the south part of Carmel Valley Village that is characterized by narrow roads and small bridges.

In addition to evacuation techniques, the exercise will also provide training in setting up a command and control system for a large incident, test communications between several agencies, investigate mutual aid policies and how long response takes, and provide practice in setting up an evacuation center.

The drill will simulate what should happen when a fast moving fire starts in the grass on the south side of the Carmel River from the Little League Park. The streets in Robles del Rio where mock evacuation will be staged include Lazy Oaks, Del Los Helechos, Buena Vista, Quien Sabe and El Hemmorro.

An incident command center will be established for the drill at Carmel Valley Road and Esquiline Road and an evacuation center will be set up at the Community Center, Frye said.

Scheduled to take part with the Carmel Valley Fire Department are the Mid Valley, Rio Road, Salinas Rural, Cachagua Volunteer, Carmel Highlands, Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove Fort Ord, Seaside and Spreckles fire departments.

The California Department of Forest will also participate along with the California Highway Patrol, County Sheriff's Office, County Office of Emergency Services, County Communications, County Emergency Medical Services, Carmel Regional Fire Ambulance and the Red Cross.

After the drill is completed, Frye said the department will critique the performance and make necessary revisions to its preparedness plan.

In field guidelines prepared for the exercise, those taking part will be told: "Important: Be thorough. Don't miss anybody. If you encounter someone who needs transportation, needs translation or needs special assistance, contact supervisor and move on. Special assistance will follow. Do the best job you can for everyone."

The strategy outlined for the drill and in the preparedness plan calls for top priority being given to protecting life in the fire area. A second priority is to min-

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Mayor Blames the State

Budget Study Says Carmel's Been Living Beyond Its Means

A private study of Carmel's budget concluded the city has been living beyond its means in the past two years, running up actual budget deficits instead of the balanced spending picture depicted by the administration.

The budget analysis, a joint project of the Voice of Carmel and Carmel Citizens for Good Government, said the figures used for the basis of its study "have been reviewed by city staff for accuracy only." Spokesman Alan Williams said the figures were reviewed by Sandi Davenport, financial services coordinator at City Hall who currently is working on the 1992-94 biennial budget with Acting City Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio.

Instead of the \$8,448,668 million in total revenue, an increase of 6 percent from 1990-91, that was reported in the city's official budget for 1991-92, the analysis showed that in the most recent fiscal year, Carmel collected \$7,379,910 for a deficit of \$1,068,759 and had a loss of \$429,937 in 1990-91.

Davenport reported in mid-July that total revenues for the 1991-92 fiscal year ended June 30 were \$465,837 short of the anticipated budget. She said the fiscal year ended with a balanced budget of \$8.4 million, however, due to transfers from various reserves to cover over-expenditures in the legal department for an exceptional drain on the Workmens Compensation Fund.

Mayor Ken White said he got a copy of the report Saturday and, "I don't know too much to tell you. It's a group of people that are into budgeting and finance. Basically, they're looking at a much broader cut (than D'Ambrosio.)"

White said D'Ambrosio "doesn't have much to go on. Every day he gets another notice from the California League of Cities that this is going to be cut or that is going to be cut."

"Over the past five years, the city's operating revenues have increased by five percent while expenditures have increased 27 percent," the CCGG-Voice of Carmel report said. "Over these same five years, salary and benefits costs have increased by 39 percent."

Williams and Howard Nieman, who worked on the analysis, said the discrepancy occurred because of the manner in which the city put operating revenues into reserve funds and transferred that money out as needed in future years. Such transfers were added to total revenue, they said.

"Even if the state did nothing, we're heading into pretty deep water," Nieman said. He projected steadily increasing deficits over the next 10 years if growth rates stayed the same and even if the state legislature did not siphon off some city revenues to help its current budget impasse.

White disagreed. "I really think we could have made it through without massive cuts without the state interference."

Copies of the analysis and a projection of Carmel's revenue picture over the next decade were given to White, city officials and others. Williams said he and Nieman met with David Maradei, president of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), on Saturday to put that group in the picture.

Maradei described the meeting as "just concerned individuals discussing the problems the city faces and whether there is something we can do to help. The more information we get and the more information that is disseminated on cuts that will be necessary and revenues necessary to make up the differences—all those things will lead us to a point where we can communicate to our groups and lead to perhaps a better understanding of what's going on in our city. It will be better if we have the information and we can understand the decisions that will be made."

Stephen Poohar, who just quit the

Planning Commission at the mayor's request after four years, said, "It would not be apparent to most citizens that operating deficits were being covered by reserve fund transfers."

"No one knew of the magnitude of the past fiscal year's budget deficit which appears to be in excess of \$1 million. If the city were running like a business like it should, then these facts would be known to the public through the appropriate public hearing budget processes rather than the attitude of 'what they don't know won't hurt them.'"

Nieman likened the transfers to a business that sells a piece of equipment and counts the income as profit instead of the sale of an asset.

Asked how he felt about the financial picture barely three months into office, he said, "I'm faced with two pictures—the softness of the sales tax and the business climate and the state. We've got a double whammy. Listen, Carmel is no different than any city in California right now."

"In some ways we have at least a way to improve our lot with the type of visitor interest we have in Carmel. Some cities don't have anything."

Like the majority of longtime residents, White said he watches the people in town to see if they're carrying shopping bags as evidence they bought something. "I don't see them carrying bags. But they're sure eating. The restaurants are doing a decent business, at least those close to Ocean Avenue and if people are eating at night, they must be staying somewhere nearby."

No conclusions are stated in the report as to what should be done but a list of 10-year projections shows that Carmel could get into the black—based on today's economic picture—by cutting services 65 percent, or by cutting salaries and benefits and materials and services by 20 percent each in the current fiscal year.

The projections are based on receiving revenues of just \$7.1 million in 1992-93.

The report will be used as the basis of a questionnaire to be mailed out by the Voice of Carmel and "to educate people," Williams said.

"You can understand why Doug Schmitz took a job elsewhere," said Williams in a reference to the former city administrator who resigned last March to take a similar position at Lake Oswego, Ore.

"We're trying to get some purely objective facts out," Williams said.

The report concluded, among other things, that state cuts in payments to Carmel have not contributed to the current budget crisis although they would be reflected in the 1992-93 budget year.

D'Ambrosio planned to present the City Council with a proposed budget for a hearing Sept. 22. A final session was scheduled Sept. 29.

Included in a list of "Budget Highlights" in the CCGG report were these statements:

- o The city's debt service payments over the past five years total \$3,106,883 and have increased 120 percent over the past five years.

- o The city has reported a budget deficit for the past two years.

- o The city's 1991-92 budget deficit was \$1.1 million which was paid by drawing down reserve funds.

- o The business district accounts for an estimate 72 percent of city revenues.

- o City spending on building, equipment and street maintenance and other materials and services has decreased by 3 percent over the past five years.

- o The city has 102 authorized full-time employees and a flexible number of part-time/seasonal relief staff.

- o A city employee costs on average \$50,000 a year in salary and benefits or \$5.1 million for 102 authorized employee positions.



FINISHING TOUCHES are being placed on a new, safer intersection for Rancho San Carlos Road and Carmel Valley Road. Lawson Little of Quail Lodge said he expected it to be opened to traffic this week. Quail Lodge paid for most of the work as a condition of approval for its new Quail Meadows subdivision which is reached off Rancho San Carlos.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

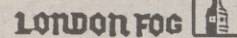
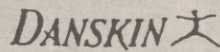
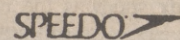
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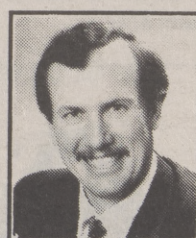
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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. A Montecito woman, staying at Quail Lodge, reported her driver's license and a credit card were stolen from Vessey Drugs. 8/10.

RIO ROAD. A tourist from Spain telephoned from the Rio Grill to report that his cam-corder had been stolen from the restaurant the previous night. 8/10.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Tierra Grande reported her son, who lives in Monterey, was trying to collect money from her renters. 8/10.

Guest's Camera Taken

VALLEY. A woman reported that her guest from Israel had her camera stolen from her guest house on Ronocco Road during the previous two weeks. 8/11.

CARMEL. A 47-year-old Pebble Beach man was arrested for public drunkenness after bothering women at the Mission Ranch bar and refusing to leave when asked. 8/11.

Revival Noise Protested

CARMEL. A woman who lives on Fisher Place complained about the loud PA system at the revival meeting at Rio Road and Highway 1. 8/12.

CARMEL. A man reported that his and three other mailboxes belonging to Carmel Knolls residents were damaged during the night. 8/12.

CARMEL. A woman on Fisher Place called to complain about the noise from the revival meeting. 8/13.

CACHAGUA. A woman complained about the continuing theft of mail and newspapers from her mailbox on Cachagua Road. 8/12.

HIGHLANDS. A 32-year-old Carmel woman reported she was raped by an unidentified man in the parking lot at Highlands Inn. 8/13.

Woman Rescued from Cliff

BIG SUR. A woman from Portland, Ore., was rescued uninjured from a 200 foot cliff at Julia Pfeiffer Burns state park. 8/13.

RIO ROAD. A man was stopped and arrested for DUI at Highway 1 and Rio Road after his wife called from their Garrapata Road home and said he wouldn't stop drinking and had headed to town to buy more liquor. 8/13.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Monterey woman was cited for shoplifting and released after allegedly taking an \$11 book from Thunderbird Bookstore. 8/13.

VILLAGE. A man on Via Las Encinas reported hearing a tapping noise on his window; a neighbor reported seeing juveniles run away from the house. 8/13.

CACHAGUA. A man from Napa reported losing a black handbag containing his wallet and cash at the Jamesburg Station. 8/13.

CARMEL. A citizen turned in a Casio man's wristwatch he said he found at Oliver and Mission Fields. 8/13.

CARMEL. A woman telephoned from her Fisher Drive home complaining about noise from a nearby revival meeting. 8/13.

Volvo Hubcaps Missing

CARMEL. A man who lives on Carmel Hills Drive said someone had stolen the two rear hubcaps off his Volvo some time in the previous three weeks. 8/14.

CACHAGUA. A man complained about a neighbor cutting down tress on his property; deputies said it was a long-running dispute. 8/14.

VALLEY. A Pebble Beach man reported his vehicle was vandalized while parked at Quail Lodge causing \$500 damage. 8/14.

BIG SUR. A tourist from Virginia reported hearing footsteps outside her cabin at Ripplewood; a deputy said all he could find was raccoon tracks. 8/14.

VILLAGE. A woman said she saw a man looking in the window of her bathroom on Paso Cresta while she was getting ready for bed. Deputies could not locate anyone. 8/14.

Puppy Rescued from Cliff

BIG SUR. A Seaside woman reported her 7-month-old Rotweiler puppy ran down a steep cliff south of Burns Creek and couldn't get back up. The Sheriff's Rescue Team went down the 100-foot cliff and brought the dog up. 8/15.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Marina man, stopped for a mechanical violation with his car at Carmel Valley Road and Carmel Rancho Boulevard, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for DUI. 8/15.

BIG SUR. A San Francisco man was arrested for being drunk in public and possession of marijuana in the parking lot at Ventana Inn. 8/15.

Bucket of Blood Theft

VALLEY. A Village woman reported her son's yellow GT racing bike was stolen from a trail near the river near the Bucket of Blood east of the Village. She said it was worth \$335. 8/16.

CACHAGUA. The California Department of Forestry asked for assistance while bringing under control a small fire started accidentally by a 17-year-old youth while smoking. 8/16.

SOUTH COAST. A Monterey man said his car was burglarized while parked off Highway 1 near Bay School. He said binoculars and a camera valued at \$975 were stolen. 8/16.

BIG SUR. A man reported someone stole his son's wetsuit and surfboard from outside his Burns Creek home. 8/16.

CARMEL RANCHO. The owner of the Thunderbird Bookstore reported a man walked out without paying for a book. When confronted, she said he gave the book to her and ran off towards Mission Inn. 8/16.

SOUTH COAST. A man from Arcata said his car was burglarized while parked off Highway 1 near Garrapata Beach. He said two rifles, a sleeping bag and his wallet were taken. 8/16.

Ocean Avenue Repairs Start Sept. 15 in Carmel

Ocean Avenue, the main commercial thoroughfare in Carmel will be torn up from about Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 during the installation of both water and sewer mains down the south side, Public Works Director Jim Cullem announced.

The work has been in the planning stages for more than a year. California American Water Co. will install a large, new water main and the Carmel Wastewater Management District will replace its sewer main. Both mains will go down the south side of Ocean Avenue, Cullem said.

Public meetings were scheduled at City Hall at 2 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Thursday for discussion of the projects, he said.



ENJOYING A NEW BENCH placed on the Carmel Valley Pathway east of DelFino Place are local residents Peter Coakley, Tony Glanville and Peter Watsongraff. The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee and Allaire Insurance paid for materials for the bench. Tom Ewen contributed his time to make it, and Glanville volunteered his time to install it. Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Award Let for CV Road Intersection Stoplight

A \$108,309 contract was awarded Tuesday to a Novato electrical firm to install wiring to interconnect a controversial traffic light at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road with other signals in the congested area.

Acting by consent, the Board of Supervisors accepted the low bid by B. Cantarutti Electric Co., one of four received for the work which will be funded by Caltrans.

In a report to the supervisors, Public Works Director Gerald Gromko said, "The resulting coordinated signal system should improve traffic flow during peak hours."

A spokesman in Gromko's department said the work should be completed by Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman negotiated for the installation of the coordinated lights by Caltrans, despite the lack of enthusiasm on the part of Caltrans officials. Some of them even have been quoted as saying that the light could make movement through the intersection and up congested Carmel Hill slower than it presently is.

The light at the Carmel Valley Road intersection will be tied to and coordinated with lights at Carmel Rancho Boulevard and Rio Road.

Strasser Kauffman has maintained that the light and other improvements she is seeking on the existing Highway 1 are not a substitute for the long-stalled Hatton Canyon Freeway, but simply interim improvements to ease the crush while a "long-term" solution is found. In addition to the light, she wants stacking, turning and accelerations lanes constructed in the area.

Campground Set To Reopen as Big Sur Fire Contained

Looking for early containment, firefighters planned to reopen Big Sur Campground late Wednesday after bringing in check a blaze which forced its evacuation.

A U. S. Forest Service spokeswoman said the blaze was held to about 200 acres about a half-mile east of Highway 1, but because it was so close to the Big Sur Village area, engines had been stationed at some structures to protect them.

Some 445 firefighters, aided by four tankers and six helicopters, battled the blaze at peak levels on Tuesday.

While the spokeswoman predicted the fire would be contained by 6 p. m. Wednesday, she said she had no estimate when it might be fully controlled.

No serious injuries were reported, and no structures were lost.

In a separate blaze, some 1,700 acres had been scorched by early Wednesday at Fort Hunter Liggate in South County. The spokeswoman said that stubborn fire, most of which was on the military reservation, was only 10-15 percent contained as of early Wednesday.

Meantime, four Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department members were dispatched Monday with an Office of Emergency Services (OES) engine to help battle the Gulch fire in Calveras County. It had burned more than 6,000 acres as of early Wednesday and 17 structures. Other structures were reported threatened.

The team of Pat Dowd, Jeff Trapp, Dave Chaney and Rob Woods was scheduled to be relieved after its three-day stint Thursday morning by Bill Parham, Jeff Frye, Carl Deitman and Richard Crane.

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City Employees Would Be First to Use TRO

Employees of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the biggest employer in the one-mile square town, will be the first group to test the Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO) required by state law to reduce air pollution.

Associate Planner Brian Roseth said the ordinance is proposed to be phased in "so you don't hit everyone at once." As the largest employer, he said the city would kick off compliance with the ordinance to reduce reactive gasses, mainly from automobiles, by 14.22 pounds per day.

Roseth outlined the TRO and proposed parking ordinances, both of which would be incorporated into any commercial zoning changes, at a meeting of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee Thursday.

"The biggest employer in town is city government...I would suggest that it be the first to start. It builds public confidence," Roseth said. "We're already looking at a number of things in house. In talking with people I find I live within one-quarter of a mile of four people at City Hall."

Still, Roseth said there would have to be some incentive for him to want to carpool with his fellow employees. When Chairman Alan Williams said the committee had suggested \$20 a month as "about a burden level" to park in a residential permit zone, Roseth replied. "At \$20 a month, I'm going to start looking around for alternatives."

"Carpooling could be free," said Williams. "That's if you can police it," said Roseth.

A combination of public transportation and car-pooling is proposed to be used in conjunction with a resident parking plan to implement the proposed TRO which Carmel must adopt by December in order to avoid losing some gas tax funds. Among other options available would be walking, bicycling, working from home with computers, subsidized local daycare and an option to pay if the requirement cannot be met with funds going to subsidize local shuttles or improved visitor transit, Roseth said.

The Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TMA) requirement that Carmel reduce emissions of reactive organic gasses by 14.22 pounds per day is roughly equivalent to the formation of 175 three-person employee car pools or a reduction of 355 eight-mile vehicle trips per day.

Once the TRO is enacted, Roseth said it would be phased in slowly over a three-year period. After city government, a survey of local businesses would be taken to determine the employee mix. Following the city, he suggested some lower threshold of businesses with 25 employees or more would be the next group required to implement the ordinance.

Merv Sutton, a member of the committee, suggested Carmel do away with its historic system of requiring residents to pick up their mail at the post office at Fifth Avenue and Mission.

"We should have home delivery like everybody else," Sutton said. The city could probably qualify for trips saved by all the people who go and get their mail every day, he suggested. "When I send out 600 statements a month, I'm paying for home delivery. That parking lot is a big mess. It would cut a lot of trips."

"It's in the plan," said Williams, referring to a broad program to solve Carmel's parking problems that was proposed by his committee more than a year ago after three years of study. The report was shelved by the previous City Council and has been revived now as a means of handling both the state-mandated TRO and proposed commercial zoning changes.

Roseth said the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District had submitted its proposed goals for the area but was told they were deficient by the State Air Resources Board which could further delay implementation of TROs.

Stephen Jacobs of Carmel Plaza offered to amend the shopping center's leases so business owners there would help pay for a shuttle for employees that could be used for

other purposes as well, Roseth said.

Mike Brooks of the Sunset Parking Co. also is interested in establishing a shuttle service, according to Roseth, who suggested either the city or business could provide incentives by paying people to car-pool.

"Some 600 to 800 people who live in town work in town and drive to work," Roseth said. He suggested trips could be saved by tourists and others traveling between Carmel and Monterey on the WAVE shuttle. The new shuttle system, however, is in danger of losing the funds it received from the air quality board.

Most of the session was devoted to implementation of a parking program outlined in the committee report which Williams said would probably put Carmel 95 percent ahead of all the other municipalities in the state.

"A lot of our problem is being imported from San Jose," he said. "The law per se relies on a negative or punitive approach to get people out of cars with some kind of taxation. They want to be able to tax the driver at his destination...unfortunately this will go to support a very large bureaucracy. I'm stating this a little blunter than Brian could do it, but the idea is to restrict the use of that automobile."

The parking report found that 450 to 500 people park in the R-1 area daily. It proposed to offer neighborhoods the option of having parking areas created where residents and drivers with permits could park for "x amount of dollars."

"We've always talked about \$1 a day," Roseth said. "We need to determine how much people will pay. The monies raised could offset free bus passes...The state is going to be in such a log jam that we can implement this in such a way that it won't create undue hardship in the city."

Roseth pointed out that any ordinance would have to include a means to handle neighborhood requests to be in parking programs and would have to handle churches, motels, theaters and various institutions that are within the R-1 district and that now provide on site parking.

Capt. Don Fuselier said it would be a lot easier for the Carmel police department to check illegal parking in the residential area because cars will have permits attached.

Mayor Ken White said, "If they're paying to park, I hope the money would go for bus passes and parking facilities to relieve the residential area."

"Am I going to charge my hotel guests to park around the hotel so I can buy bus passes for my employees?" asked Tom Glidden, general manager of La Playa. "I've been following the TRO and it sounds to me like you're a little ahead of the game. They don't have the rules made yet."

"We want to control our own destiny," said Williams. "You may be better off charging your guests to park on the street and buy bus passes because the alternative might be you'll have to buy a shuttle bus for your employees."

"I'll believe it when I see it," said Glidden.

Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association, (CBA), said, "One thing I see wrong, it doesn't help parking in the commercial district...Really what we're saying to people who have respected 'no employee parking' in the commercial district is that we're now going to ask you to pay for it. The guy who moves his car isn't affected."

"There is a possibility of gridlock downtown," Williams said. "The TRO will put a burden on employees—no one's going to like it. The employer who has to pay for it or the employee riding the bus."

"The visitor is effectively excluded from the R-1," Roseth said. "The only place left is the commercial district or a parking lot. To make the system work, business owners have to apply equal pressure on employees or we'll have no parking downtown and end up strangling the economy."

"Let's say we issue 400 to 500 permits

and you see a car parked downtown with a sticker on it. You can't make that illegal."

Jepson said charging \$20 a month was "a lot of money if you make \$6 an hour."

"That's the whole idea," Williams said. "You have to hit the threshold that you either pay or you look for some alternative." Jepson said she thought it should be worth the \$15 cost of one parking ticket, noting that a lot of Carmel workers don't park at Sunset Center Parking Lot because the \$30 charge "is way over their budget."

"What about signage," worried White. "Are we going to be able to see the ocean for the signs?"

"The courts look at whether signs are reasonable so that a person would realize they aren't allowed to park there," explained Fuselier. He said this certainly means signs at both ends of a block and in the middle.

"Given the number of people that drive the wrong way past the post office, signs aren't particularly impressive to a lot of people looking at the squirrels and the

birds," he added. Fuselier said Carmel now has two residential permit parking areas on parts of Torres and Scenic Drive.

Williams noted that every local group but the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) was represented at the meeting although there were no members of the public. CRA President David Maradei, an original member of the Parking Committee, was unable to attend, Williams said. Sutton, also a committee member, represented Carmel Citizens for Good Government and the Voice of Carmel. Jepson and Glidden represented the Carmel Business Association and Gordon Miller the Northeast Neighborhood Association.

Mayor White represented the council. Stephen Poohar, who resigned at the mayor's request as vice chairman of the Planning Commission, was asked to stay on as a committee member but said he would do so only if the council approved the appointment. Commission Chairman Paula Ramsey and Councilwoman Barbara Brooks attended unofficially.

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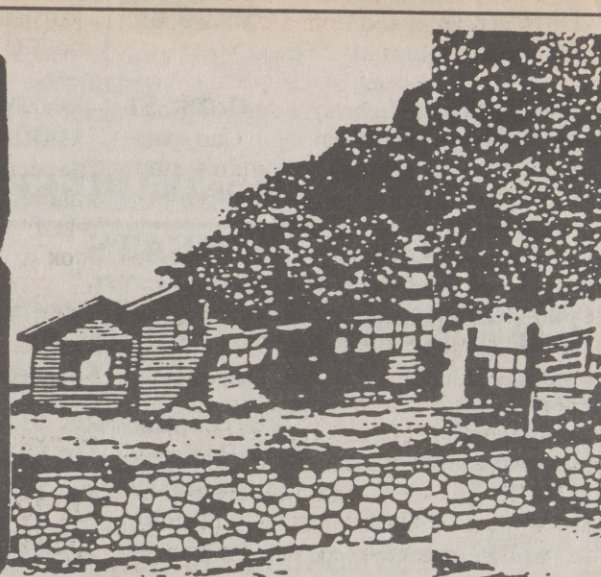


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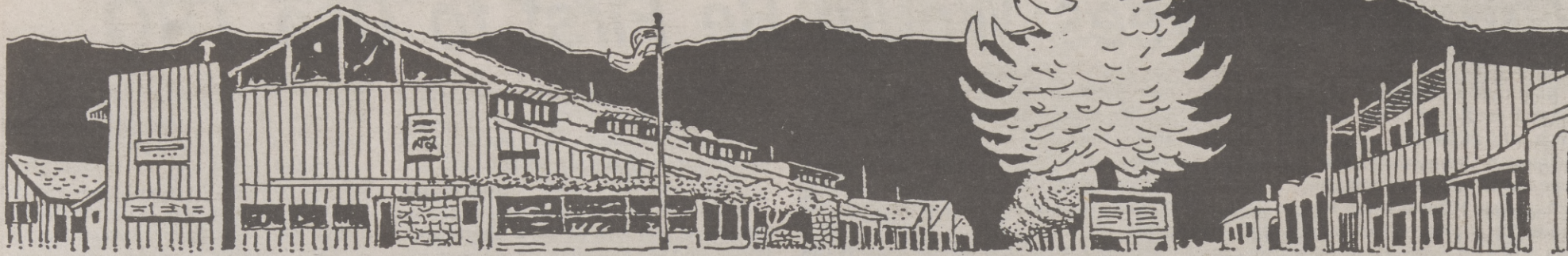
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Water Board Agrees Desal Vote to be Set by December

With Chairman Dale Hekhuis in the lead, the directors of the water management district agreed to set a date by December for a public vote on whether to pursue desalination as a way of providing more water to the peninsula.

The vote was 5-1 with director Dick Heuer adamantly opposed. He again expressed concern that if a desal plant is approved before a new dam on the Carmel River is okayed, it could jeopardize the dam.

The strongest backer of desal on the board, Hekhuis offered a long, detailed motion calling for the board to set a definite date for a public vote by no later than its December meeting "and sooner if possible." It also called for a series of studies to be completed by that time so that ballot language can be drafted giving voters full information on the proposal.

"We can't go to the public with a non-defined project," he said.

The staff had recommended that the board put off any action on a public desal vote at its Monday night meeting, but Hekhuis insisted on establishing a process and timetable for setting an election.

"A major criticism of this board for the last 13 years is that it just keeps putting things off," Hekhuis said.

"Another criticism of the board is that it just keeps hopping from one project to another," countered Heuer. He said the board should make a decision about when to hold a vote only when it had all the information it needed.

Noting the upcoming permit hearings before the state Water Resources Control Board, he argued that major uncertainties about the dam likely will still exist in December.

"The key (to making a decision about desal) is a better reading on the prospects for a dam." He suggested that if approval for the dam appeared "many, many years off," the board might want to proceed with

desal. But if it appeared that the dam might be approved in three years, "then we may want to defer desal," he said.

But Hekhuis persisted. "It is time for us to try to restore our reputation a little bit that we can make a decision," he said.

Hekhuis' list of things that needed to be done by December included: a study of how a project would be financed—the percentage of the cost to be obtained from connection charges vs a surcharge on water users' bills; a decision on how water would be allocated from desal—drought reserve vs new connections; the investigation of whether a privately financed desal plan is feasible; the environmental impact report (EIR) on desalination, which already had been scheduled to be final by December; creation of a citizens' advisory council to advise what new hookups should be charged per acre-foot for desal water; and the preparation of a draft ballot statement.

On the ballot statement, Hekhuis said it should not deal with financing additional studies or design work, but "shall the district proceed."

Vice Chairman Ken Long seconded Hekhuis motion and strongly support it. "Director Hekhuis is on target," he declared at one point.

In the end all the directors except Heuer went along, but Fran Farina of Carmel Valley expressed some misgivings. "I'm going to support the motion, but desal has been a moving target from day-1. We have always had to keep on collecting more information."

She noted that the current budget authorizes \$500,000 for additional studies needed for the desalination project.

As if underscoring her point, Martin Feeney of Staal, Gardner & Dunn reported on his examination of the hydrology at the Sand City site where the district is thinking of putting a 3-million-gallon-a-day desal plant. "During final design of extraction and injection facilities, additional data will be required," his report said.

Panetta Asks County to Provide Facilities at Day-Laborer Sites

Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Carmel Valley, has written the Board of Supervisors requesting it look into providing job aid stations and sanitary facilities for Hispanic day workers who congregate in various parts of Monterey County.

Carmel Valley Village is the scene of such a gathering, and Roger Williams, a board member of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), said at the group's meeting Aug. 19 that it is a common problem throughout California including Salinas and Santa Cruz.

In the Village, as many as 50 workers gather early each morning looking for job offers for the day. Village residents have expressed concern for the past 18 months about the lack of sanitary facilities for the laborers.

"The situation is the same elsewhere," Williams said. "They have no place to gather with sanitary services."

"The County can't afford the programs they have now," said CVPOA board member Robert Greenwood. He questioned where the County would find the money to set up a program for the laborers.

CVPOA Board member Lee Rieman said of the 40 or 50 workers who gather in the Village, only about six or seven are left by 11 a.m. "They're working for \$7 to \$10 and hour," he said.

The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) tried for a number of months to find a way to provide restroom facilities for the workers, but was unsuccessful in finding either a location or funding.

Williams said Peter Coakley, a Carmel Valley Village businessman and chairman of CVVIC, attended a meeting Panetta held

to consider the situation.

In other business, Vicki Phillips of the Highway 68 Coalition asked the CVPOA to join that group in its protest against the MacDonald Ranch development proposed for the top of Los Laureles Grade.

The developer has proposed 52 homes and 18 condominiums. Phillips said the "flagging is really shocking. Every time I saw it I thought it must be a garage not a house because we don't do that on the grade (put houses so close together). Some of them seem like they are 20 to 30 feet apart."

Phillips said the development could affect the traffic on Carmel Valley Road, and she urged the CVPOA to join the protest against it. Board members took no action but indicated they would consider it at a future meeting.

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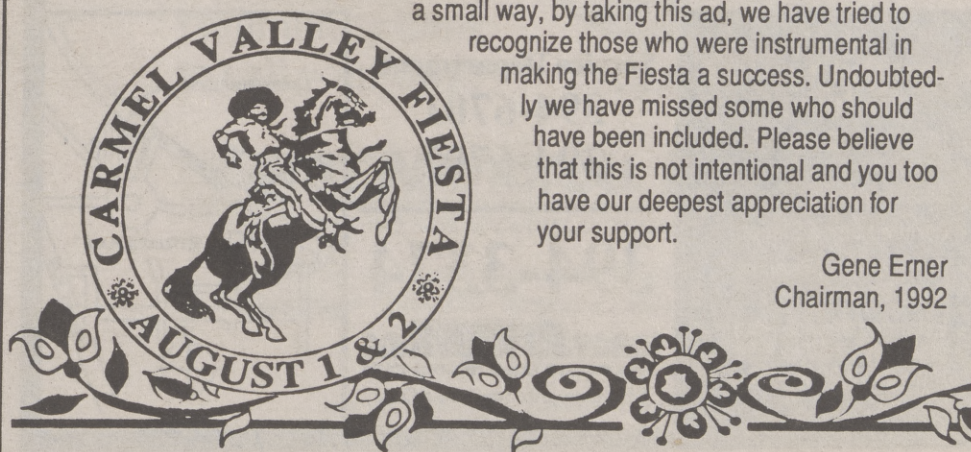
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Women Recall Joining WAVES; Plan 50th Anniversary Reunion

By Carolyn Rice

They marched to meals, they marched to their dorm. They marched to class, and they even marched to church.

That was part of the daily routine for Jean Snow of Carmel and Marilyn Olsen of Pebble Beach 50 years ago when they were among the first group of women who trained to become officers in the WAVES



JEAN SNOW

at Smith College in North Hampton, Mass.

"You did it, and you didn't talk back," Olsen recalled. The two women have helped organize a 50-year reunion at Asilomar in Pacific Grove on Sept. 9 and 10 for the women from Northern California who were among the first 900 officers in the WAVES—Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service, an auxiliary of the U. S. Navy.

"About 22 out of the 50 we were able to contact are coming," Snow said.

The Navy created the WAVES in July, 1942, and advertised for applicants in newspapers. Snow and Olsen were among 160 Californians chosen from 1,800 applicants.

Olsen said she had just graduated from

Stanford University and was not terribly enthralled with her job with Pan American airlines. "It wasn't terribly altruistic," she said of her decision to sign up with the WAVES. "There was a lot going on, and that was where it was. I just thought it would be an adventure. I don't know. It still sounds pretty good."

A special train carried 65 Northern California women to the east coast for training. Snow, a graduate of San Francisco State, quit her copywriter's job at the Emporium department store to go. After the war began, she recalled, "I said, 'That does it. I'm going to do something.'"

After three months of training, the women were commissioned on Jan. 3, 1943. "We are what were called 90-day wonders," Snow said.

All the WAVES were assigned to office jobs in the States. Snow and Olsen said they were trained to encode and decode top secret messages. Olsen was sent back to San Francisco to work while Snow went to Washington, D. C.

On several occasions, Snow said she personally delivered messages to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt labeled "Eyes Only." She said when such a message came in, the full lieutenants took turns delivering it to the president.

Shifts ran around the clock, and Snow said she one night she and a friend were walking through a blizzard to report for duty. A limousine pulled up and the driver asked the women if they would like a ride. Riding in it was Steven T. Early, Roosevelt's secretary of state who asked the women who were both in uniform, "Who do you represent?" They told him the WAVES and he didn't know who the WAVES were, Snow recalled. Early asked them if they would like to see the White House and assigned a Marine guide to give them a tour of the downstairs, Snow said.

Olsen said as soon as the WAVES were trained to work in communications, they replaced men who then went on duty at sea. "Our whole job was to take shore jobs so men could be released for sea duty. We were never permitted to go to sea," Olsen said.

Sometimes they decoded messages



PLANNING A WAVES REUNION, Marilyn Olsen and Jean Snow were among the Northern Californians who became the first WAVES officers during World War II.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

which brought personal news of tragedy. Snow said one woman learned her brother had been killed when she was decoding a message, and another time they learned of the death of an officer who had previously worked in their office.

The decoding machines worked by means of a series of wheels, the women recalled. "Any computer now could take what we had and break it right now," Olsen said.

When they signed on with the WAVES, they were committed to the end of the war, the women said. "You were trapped," Olsen recalled. The officers couldn't become engaged or married. But then the Navy changed the rules, and Olsen said she got married. Then, during a 30-day window in which the Navy said married women could resign, she did.

Snow and Olsen said Filenes' department store in Boston made the WAVES uniforms, and they remains basically unchanged even today. Olsen said she had to get special permission to wear a wedding dress rather than her uniform. Everyone else in her wedding party was in uniform, she said. The picture of her wedding was featured on the front page of the society section of the *San Francisco Chronicle* she said, probably because she was wearing a wedding dress.

The women also recalled that during their training, they got an invitation from Navy men who were training at nearby Dartmouth to become officers to come for a weekend.

The train pulled into the station and the Navy men were waiting, lined up by height. They requested the WAVES to line up by height and then paired off accordingly. "It

was just good fun," Olsen recalled of the weekend. "There was not a lot of hanky-panky."

Olsen said at a recent affair at the Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, she saw WAVES with long hair, short dresses and a pregnancy uniform, none of which would have been allowed when she joined the service. "Things have changed a lot."

Snow, who is married to Harold Snow, volunteers for the Carmel Red Cross. Olsen, who is married to Arthur Olsen, is part owner of Carmel Travel.

When asked if they would sign up for the WAVES today, Olsen replied, "You bet if there was a war on."

"Sure," Snow agreed.

Decorated Navy Veteran Dies

Dale V. Schermerhorn, a retired, highly decorated Navy captain who had lived in Carmel Highlands for 15 years, died Tuesday at age 71.

He was stricken at home with an apparent heart attack and died at Community Hospital.

For many years, Schermerhorn was active in the management of the Carmel Riviera Mutual Water Co.

He spent 30 years in the Navy prior to his retirement in 1977, much of it in combat. He had 10 different sea commands, the last one as head of an 11-ship flotilla operating in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War.

An expert in mine countermeasures, Schermerhorn had been awarded the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, a Presidential Unit Citation, a Navy Unit Citation, two Expeditionary Medals, Meritorious Unit Citation, plus five foreign awards and 20 other campaign ribbons.

Survivors include his wife, Mimi, two sons, Steven of Fairfield, Calif., and Gary of Atlanta, three grandchildren, a brother and two sisters.

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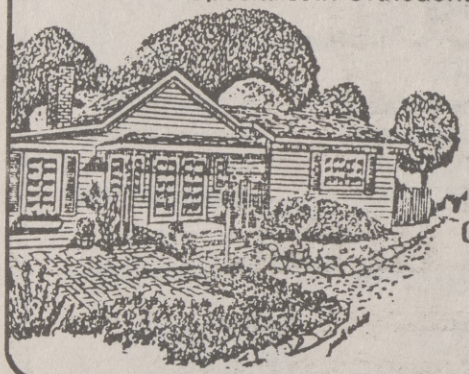
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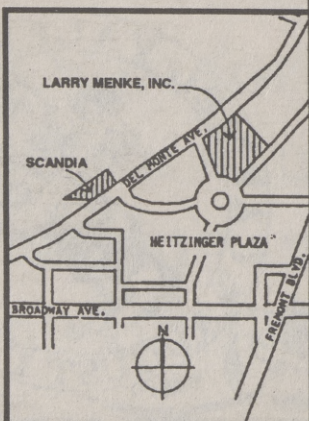
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Four on Council Wanted Poohar Removed

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have acceded to the wishes of the mayor and these council members, whoever they may be."

Councilwomen Barbara Brooks and Barbara Livingston and Councilman Bob Fischer each told the *Sun* they wanted Poohar off the commission. Councilman Phil Coniglio said he knew nothing about it and was distressed that it happened.

"I wish the public's business was done in public," Coniglio said. "I might have been upset but not as upset. I feel as if I was left out."

Livingston was reluctant to discuss Poohar, saying she was "treating it as a personnel issue. It's nothing to do with policy or politics. I was hearing things on the street and things around town. There was no meeting about it. I told the mayor. He had my full support."

"I am one of them," Fischer said about his role in the ouster. "I just felt that the makeup of the Planning Commission needed a different approach. I'd like to see people with more knowledge about architecture and design review. If we had more people with that type of background, we might not have so many appeals to the Council. Steve's done a fine job but it's been limited to his experience."

Poohar, a real estate broker and attorney, was appointed by Mayor Jean Grace in 1988 to fill a vacancy and reappointed in 1989 for a four year term that would have expired in September, 1993. Miller, also appointed by Grace during a fierce battle on the previous City Council over the mayor's right to make such appointments, filled a vacancy that expires in September but said he would quit the end of August.

Fischer and Livingston both laughed when told that the mayor, the prime mover of the appointments ordinance, wanted to re-examine it. "I'll vote against that," Fischer chuckled. He said he did not concur with the idea of just acting on the three men already interviewed. Livingston and Brooks both said they thought more people would apply before the council acted.

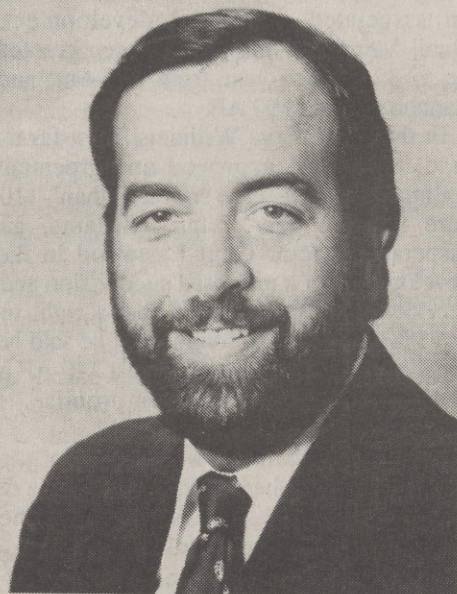
Asked if there was a council meeting about Poohar, Brooks said, "Oh, hell no." She also was reluctant to say why she wanted him removed, but said the mayor "had his reasons too." Brooks said she talked to White "months ago."

"Stephen has served long and well...but it's time for a change. It's not my style to publicly criticize people. It might only hurt Stephen. I do admire his voting record."

Brooks noted there had been "problems" on the commission between members and the staff.

White said he wanted to move quickly to fill the vacancies and might call a special meeting for that purpose. Explaining his request to Poohar, he said, "I decided I would do it all at once and take the obvious flak. I felt it was time, a good time to have the leadership go off." But White said he did not ask Miller to leave and no one on the council "talked to me about him."

Brooks felt it was "inappropriate" for her to comment on White's suggestion that he nominate the three men already interviewed. But she said, "Pretty much I'm in the mood to support the mayor. He's



STEPHEN POOHAR

trying to build a team, his own team. He's trying to lessen the idea of divisiveness."

She thought it was "appropriate" to re-examine the ordinance, recalling that she had trouble with some of the requirements when it was first passed.

"It became evident in July after meeting with the mayor that my services would not be required," Miller said. "And, further I frankly would not submit myself to the process which has been devised by the council for the selection of Planning Commissioners."

The Monterey businessman said he did not agree with the system adopted by the previous council whereby all applicants to the commission, even those who had already served, must submit to public hearings on their qualifications before one is

picked by the mayor and voted on by the council. The new process, adopted by a 3-2 vote, also restricts the planning commission to the number of business people, property owners and members of the real estate and building business the seven-member body can have.

"I do not feel that the selection of a commissioner should be based on their status in life, their occupation, their residence, their ownership of property or anything else," Miller said. "I do not believe that just because I'm a businessman that I have a certain way of thinking or just because somebody's a housewife that they should have a certain way of thinking. I believe that we are individuals. I believe that we should be judged based on our own intelligence and our own foresight."

Miller said he couldn't imagine subjecting commissioners to such a process only to say, "Well, you don't fit in our square hole and so therefore you're gone. It's sad. The city is making some moves in the wrong direction."

The commission has been a political football since Grace decided to take on the majority on the 1990 council consisting of White and Council members Jim Wright and Brooks, all members of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA). After a series of her nominees were defeated 3-2, she and Fischer, her lone ally, fought unsuccessfully to keep the prerogative of naming persons to the commission in the mayor's hands.

With the three upcoming vacancies, White can now take control of the powerful body. Last May he appointed Margaret Hardy, a newcomer to Carmel who did volunteer work for the U.S. Open, and three new appointees would form a clear majority.

Choked with emotion after tributes from his fellow commissioners, Poohar said he hoped the commission would name the remaining senior members—attorney Jack Kennedy, an art gallery manager, and architect Brian Congleton—to be chairman and vice chairman. The only commissioners present were Ramsey, Kennedy and Miller.

"I don't even know if longevity has anything to do with it," White said in the in-

terview. "Jack probably has the experience but you never know. They should be allowed to choose who they want."

White said, "The Planning Commission should not be connected to the council too closely."

He said, "Stephen Poohar has acted very professionally in this whole matter and I've also asked him to stay on the parking committee."

Poohar told the *Sun* that last Wednesday when White learned of his decision to resign immediately from the Planning Commission, "He called me up and said, 'you can't resign. I thought you would have wanted to stay to finish the commercial zoning and the Trip Reduction Ordinance.'"

Poohar said he was amazed because the mayor had told him "he had to hold off the council people from putting it (his dismissal) on the agenda. They had the votes."

"It is with deep regret that I learned of this news right before our meeting," Ramsey said. "I had no idea. No idea as chairman. I'm astounded. I am shocked. I am sad. I believe the city and this commission is losing one of our most intelligent, dedicated commissioners."

Ramsey said she thought it was too bad that Carmel will not have the use of the talents of many qualified people because of the council's restrictive criteria for service. "I have shared those feelings with the mayor," she said. "He is well aware of them."

The meeting had been conducted at lightning speed by Ramsey. There was virtually no discussion or debate on any of the use permit applications that were considered at the start of the hearing. All were approved as requested by the staff as if the normally contemplative commission was having its strings pulled by a robot.

Ramsey was also upset that she had not been told Commissioner Ed Jordan would be absent and that Hardy had to leave at 5:15 p.m. Congleton had served notice he would be out of town but the diminished numbers required changing the agenda at the last minute in an attempt to provide applicants for use permits a quorum.

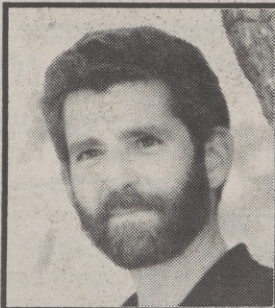
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Planned River Erosion Control Project Could be Jeopardized

Directors of the water management district approved spending up to \$247,753 for an erosion control project in the deDampierre area of the Carmel River Monday night, but were told the reluctance of some property owners to allow access could jeopardize it.

Associate Hydrologist Larry Hampson said at least three property owners were refusing to give permission for the work, although all the required permits had been obtained.

Director Dick Heuer responded by suggesting that a meeting of directors from Carmel Valley and riverfront property owners who favor the project should be set up with those who still haven't agreed to allow access across their land to try to convince them to do so.

In some cases, Hampson said the reluctant owners represent key parts of the project which he lightheartedly described as being "to take the meanders" out of the river.

During a discussion of whether the work could be done around those property owners, Legal Counsel David Laredo said that because of potential liability, the district must ensure that the "project is sound and justifiable if it is to be done in a piecemeal fashion."

The vote to approve the spending was 6-0. The project is proposed to cover about a mile of river extending from the east end of the Little League baseball fields in Carmel Valley Village to about 800 feet upstream of the Boronda Road bridge.

In addition to private owners, Hampson told directors that about half of the property is in Garland Park and additional parcels belong to the Trail & Saddle Club as well as to Gardiner's Tennis Ranch.

Hampson agreed with a previous characterization by Heuer that the

deDampierre project "is the key to the Carmel River Management plan and should be done first." He said the work really should be completed this fall, before the onset of the normal rainy season.

Hampson's reference to doing the deDampierre project first was a reference to another similar project that soon will get underway. It is in the Valley Hills area east of Quail Lodge and is intended to take a big curve out of the river which could erode during heavy flows.

Funding for the deDampierre project would come from Carmel River Management Program user fees, a benefit assessment zone and environmental mitigation funds established by the district. In addition, the California Water Resources Department will provide a \$50,000 grant if the work is completed by June 1, and the regional park district will contribute \$25,000.

The work of moving gravel bars and realigning the river will be done by Cimarron Construction of Modesto under a winning contract bid of \$206,270. The district said the next lowest bidder was Carmel Valley Construction, with a bid of \$276,000.

After the river is realigned and some of the curves straightened out, vegetation will be planted to help hold the banks and irrigation installed to keep it alive until it takes hold. Hampson said the plan called for about 13 acres in total to be planted as part of the project.

Public Invited to Health Workshop

The public is invited to a health workshop at the Carmel Foundation at 8th and Lincoln in Carmel on Sept. 4 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Information on nutrition, drugs and over the counter medications will be presented.

Water Rights Decided by Board

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Williams Trust, which has 47 acres of farmland at Valley Hills. They also approved up to 20 or so agreements with other pumpers with the specific amount of water to be determined later.

Laredo told the board that a total of 42 protests were sent to the state water board after notices of the hearings on the dam application went out. He said most of those protesting were not actually opposing the proposed construction of a new 16,000-acre-foot Los Padres Dam, "but simply trying to protect their right to continue to use water. We have no quarrel with that at all."

Among the major private pumpers, the board agreed to allow Carmel Valley Ranch to use up to 340-acre-feet (AF) a year; Hacienda Carmel, 50 AF; Quail Lodge, 254 AF with a special notation that an associated residential development, Quail Meadows, had already been granted up to 32.9 AF a year from Cal-Am; and Rancho Canada 700 AF.

In the case of the Williams Trust farmland, the board approved an agreement calling for it to receive "not less than" 110 acre feet a year. Alan Williams, an associate of actor Clint Eastwood in the development of a proposed subdivision and service center there, noted that a right to use 188 AF had been sought. But he said he accepted the guarantee of at least 110 AF a year "in the spirit of compromise. I appreciate the good will."

Williams' comment was typical of the congenial atmosphere as representatives of other private well owners, including the Odello family at the mouth of the Valley and 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos, addressed the board.

Don Boston, representing Rancho Canada, which operates a 36-hole golf course, said the 700 AF feet provided for Rancho Canada "is fair although it is less than any other verifiable number that we have looked at."

Don Hubbard, representing the Odellos, who want to create a subdivision in their artichoke fields on the east side of Highway 1, did complain that he had not been told of the district's proposed number for an agreement with the family until 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

"It's unfortunate that you're going to foreclose everything tonight... I urge you to leave open the mechanism (so agreement still can be reached) in the best interest of all concerned," Hubbard said.

"That's an excellent point," Laredo responded. "The action taken here tonight does not mean that other agreements still cannot be reached" including quantified agreements after the state hearings.

He explained that the crush of work necessary to get ready for the start of the

hearings had kept the water management district staff from developing specific use totals for users such as the Odellos and Rancho San Carlos earlier.

Engineering Manager Andy Bell later explained that the hard-pressed district staff had developed proposed settlement figures first for those well owners who had contacted it.

In the case of the Odellos, he said the district's records showed a range of use from 172 AF to 646 AF a year. He acknowledged that the lower use figure did not include data from the Odellos largest well, but said he didn't know exactly why.

As for Rancho San Carlos, Bell said the district's records showed a similarly wide range for its three wells, one of which is leased to Rancho Canada for use on the golf course.

In the agreement with Cal-Am, the water management district agreed that it would not use any rights granted by the state as a result of the hearings to preclude Cal-Am's use of its existing facilities. In turn, Cal-Am will withdraw every protest it has filed.

Nancy Isakson, representing 10 smaller well owners who have not signed agreements, noted that 173 private wells had claim to water rights and argued that her group should have a lower application number with the state than the water management district, because it had amended its original application for a dam.

Laredo said that nothing in the agreements reached with the private well owners precluded them from seeking the right to use even more water under established state practices and statutes. But the district still has the right to oppose those additional claims, he said.

Some of the participants in the meeting noted that over the past several years, the dispute between the water management district and the large private well owners has been long and sometimes bitter.

"This is a major achievement," commented member Dick Heuer, a former board chairman.

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Half-Sisters Split by Adoption Seek The Past in Valley Visit

By Carolyn Rice

Two half-sisters who were separated by adoption after their mother died following a car wreck in 1954 came to Carmel Valley last week trying to put together some of the pieces of their past.

"I'm being careful about the investigation," said Robin Forsberg, 42, of Minneapolis, Minn. "I don't want to shock any relatives."

She said she has learned she may have siblings in the area. She knows the name of her biological father but does not want it released to avoid the possibility of hurting relatives who live here, she said. But if they recognize the relationship, she would welcome contact from them, she said.

With tears in her eyes, Pat Nielsen, 47, of San Jose told of meeting her sister at the San Jose Airport Aug. 10. Both women said their week together has been emotional for them. They also have a brother, Tim Templeton, who lives in Sagel, Idaho. All three have different biological fathers, the women said.

The two sisters resemble each other with dark hair and similar oval-shaped faces, but at 5-feet-9 Forsberg is several inches taller.

Their mother, Lorraine Goldberg Hansen, was injured in a single-car accident on Carmel Valley Road Aug. 23, 1954, and died Sept. 2 from her injuries. At the time, Robin was 4, Tim was 6, and Pat was 9 years old.

Forsberg, a first grade teacher in Minneapolis, said it has become important to her to find out about her family history. Her search for her identity is difficult for some people to understand, she said, because they know their own history. "It's hard to explain to people who have not walked this path. It's a nagging thing to just know fragments of your personal history."

During her search for her past, Forsberg said, "I've run into people who feel threatened even though it has nothing to do with them." She said adoptive children searching for their past is an issue "as emotional as abortion."

Following the death of their mother, Tim and Robin were adopted by the Malcom Templeton family of Pacific Grove and Pat by the Bob Jones family of Carmel Valley. Immediately afterward, ties between the two families were severed, and for a number of years, Tim and Robin and had no contact with Pat whatsoever.

Neither set of adoptive parents would let the children talk or ask questions about their siblings. "It was like that part of us had never happened," Forsberg said.

Nielsen, who works for a San Jose computer company, said it was probably a common way to handle adoptions at the time. "Families would try to give the children a stable background and a stable home and didn't want to do anything to shake them up," she said.

Forsberg recalled some unpleasant feelings from her early adoption. "In Pacific Grove, it was like we were on display," she said. "I remember one woman coming over and saying, 'Oh there they are—poor little things.'"

Forsberg said she regrets not having any baby pictures or birth stories about herself and started making things up so she

wouldn't be different from other people. She still has a longing for more knowledge about her mother and would like to make contact with anyone who knew her, as would Nielsen.

Forsberg said her last childhood memory of her sister was in a courtroom when both families were present for the adoption proceedings. After a few years both families relocated to other areas.

When their brother was a teenager, he decided to search for his sister and found Nielsen. She was in her early 20s at the time and Forsberg was 15 or 16. Both families lived in California and the two sisters saw each other several times.

Then because of subsequent family moves, the sisters again lost touch with each other until last fall when Nielsen was able to obtain Forsberg's address and wrote her. They've been in touch by phone ever since, and last week Forsberg came from Minneapolis to visit Nielsen.

While in California, Forsberg visited Monterey County offices to obtain their mother's death certificate and the children's adoption papers. She also has a California Highway Patrol accident report of the car wreck which led to their mother's death. Lorraine Goldberg Hansen was driving a 1947 Buick convertible and turned 32 years of age on Aug. 29 while hospitalized.

Forsberg said they have learned their mother was a waitress at Los Laureles Lodge, the Carousel before it became Wills Fargo and they think she also worked at Mission Ranch.

Forsberg noted her mother would turn 70 this month if she had lived. Nielsen said her memory of her is a graceful, tall blond, and Forsberg said people have told her she was creative and intelligent.

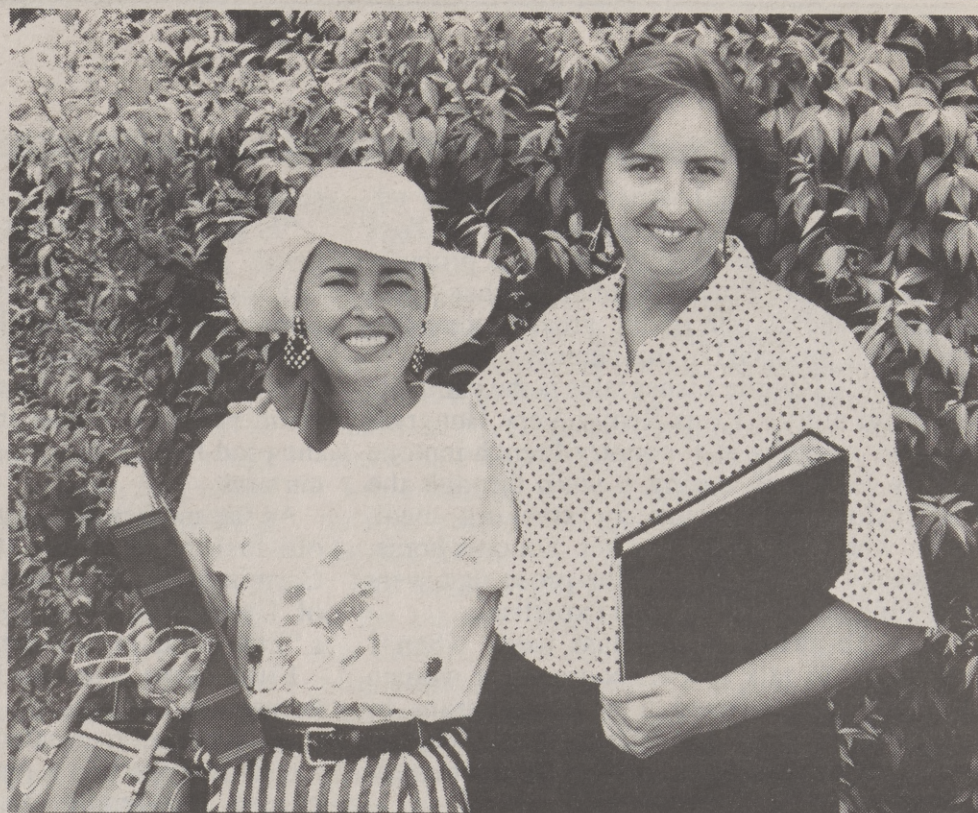
Forsberg has copies of *Carmel Valley News* stories at the time which said after the wreck the children were taken in by neighbors, the Achiel H. Hoornearts family in Carmel Valley. The story said Hoornearts was in the Army. Neither of the sisters can recall the family at all and would like to establish contact with them.

The two women said they located the house where they lived with their mother in Robles del Rio near the Robles del Rio Lodge.

The sisters said their mother was an adopted daughter of a prominent Jewish family in St. Louis, the Ben Goldbergs. Nielsen was acknowledged in the Goldberg will, but Forsberg said she and her brother were named in the will but called "strangers to the family." The sisters said their mother's lifestyle was evidently shocking and unacceptable to her adoptive family, and the two younger children were never acknowledged by their grandparents.

Forsberg said her biological father was a Carmel Valley businessman who is no longer living. She said she wrote to him and then called in 1974, but he hung up on her. Nielsen said she had met her father who was a merchant seaman from Norway.

Forsberg said if any relatives recognize the relationship with her, she would welcome hearing from them. "I just want information. I'm not out to establish anything beyond that," she said. The women asked that anyone with recollections about their mother write them in care of the Sun, P.O. Box 931, Carmel Valley, 93924.



SEARCHING FOR FAMILY HISTORY, two half-sisters, Pat Nielsen and Robin Forsberg, who were separated as youngsters by adoption, came to Carmel Valley last week looking for people who knew their mother before her death in 1954.

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LORRAINE GOLDBERG HANSEN, a Carmel Valley woman who died following a 1954 car wreck, had three young children, Tim, Robin and Pat, who were adopted after their mother died.



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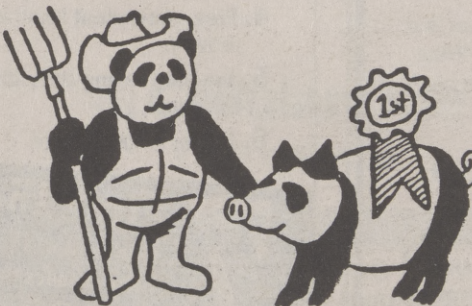
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As a sometime food writer, I am a great admirer of M.F.K. Fisher of whom the *New York Times Book Review* once wrote, "In a properly run culture, Mary Francis Kennedy Fisher would be recognized as one of the great writers this country has produced in this century..."

One of my favorite Fisher tales is the exquisite little short story, "I was Really Very Hungry," about her stopping at a country French inn one hot day for lunch during a walk through the countryside and having an amazing meal. Fisher, who died recently at her Sonoma home, was widely acclaimed for fine prose that went far beyond her sphere of food expertise.

I kept thinking of this last week when I stopped by to talk to two courageous women who have just opened a new restaurant in Carmel where some 58 restaurants, old and not so old, are struggling to survive in the current recession.

Annelore Parsons and her daughter, Lorie, have created a new, sunny Le Coq D'or on the site of the former restaurant which closed after 25 years and was known as Capriccio's until about four months ago. Annelore moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1960. Her daughter was born at Fort Ord and attended Carmelo School and Carmel High School before going abroad to

study to be a chef.

"Is there ever a right time to go into a business?" said blonde Annelore with a warm smile. "I know it's an election year but we had the opportunity...and people still go out to eat."

Off the beaten track of the tourist area, the 36-seat Le Coq D'or is on the east side of Mission north of Fourth where it sits slightly back from the road hiding its culinary delights behind lace curtains.

As the mother and daughter—who trained the old-fashioned way at the Post Hotel in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Bavarian region of Germany—talked, they treated me to a feast, a "little sampling" of their cuisine.

First came a beautiful platter of Lorie's homemade Graf Flachs, buttery slices of salmon that have been marinated until they melt in your mouth arranged on a platter with bits of onion, cheese and lemon, accompanied by crisply toasted slices of bread redolent with herbs and garlic.

It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon and I had to be at the City Hall at 4 p.m. for a Planning Commission meeting. What a time to be served a feast. But my protests grew fainter as the dishes kept coming.

Alongside her salmon, Lorie, eyes twinkling, placed an equally tantalizing platter of carpaccio, very thin slices of pink filet of beef delicately drizzled with olive oil, lemon, capers and parmesan cheese. How could she have known these were my two favorite things.

Out of politeness, I told myself, I ate one of her big mushrooms stuffed with a rich mixture of mushrooms, herbs and cream cheese. "Please join me," I begged the ladies.

"Lorie is preparing you a Cordon Bleu," her mother confided, pouring me another steaming cup of rich coffee as I admired the European-



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style surroundings, the terra cotta tiled floor, soft peach walls with matching chintz balloon curtains and banquettes and peach tablecloths with white overskirts. The cheerful dining room was filled with fresh flowers.

Annelore moved to the area with her husband, Bud, who taught shooting at Fort Ord, Lorie explained. Born to a hotel family in Dusseldorf, she worked at the old Mark Thomas Inn, now the Hyatt, opened the Sundial Kitchen in the Sundial Lodge in 1974, the Alpine Inn, now Il Buco, on San Carlos, was chef at the Thunderbird Kitchen for seven years in the 1980's and most recently was food supervisor for the 99-bed Monterey Convalescent Hospital on Skyline Drive.

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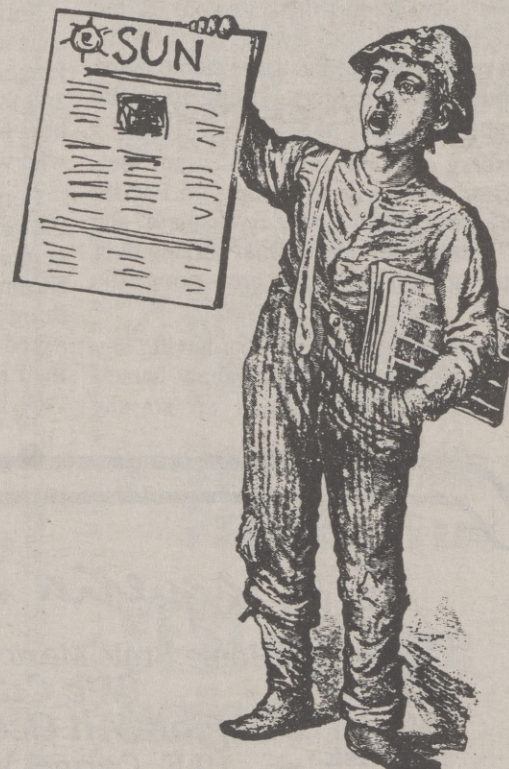
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BY ISABELLE HALL



Annelore has had several restaurants in Carmel. Lorie, trained in Europe, attended Carmelo School and Carmel High School.

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At 30, Lorie is the chef, "The chief cook and bottlewasher." Her mother laughed, "I give her advice." The pair have taken on a rent of \$1,850 a month plus insurance, taxes and all the other costs inherent in doing business in Carmel to make their dream come true.

"I like to cook with love," said Lorie. "I like people to know what they're eating. We'd talked about it on and off, my mom and I, and it never seemed to be the right time." When her

father retired after 25 years as the greenskeeper for Spyglass Golf Club, the time seemed right.

As I dared to let just one more slice of salmon slide down, out of the kitchen's swinging door came a dinner plate with a generous breast of chicken stuffed in the classic Cordon Bleu style with Gruyere cheese and Black Forest ham. Nestled beside it was a little red mound of Cumberland sauce Lorie had made with orange zest, cranberries, orange juice and a hint of dry mustard. There were also carrots and a steaming casserole of potatoes au gratin.

Visions of the Planning Commission danced in my head. So did Fisher's story of an incredible mid-day meal. At least I told myself I refrained from the Parsons' offer of a little wine although it would have been perfect with the repast.

While I somehow found room for the chicken, a few carrots, a taste of potatoes, a bit of sauce, Lorie told me about training to be a chef, European-style where you work 10 to 11 hours a day for "slave wages," live in the employees quarters and go to school one day a

week.

"You start by peeling potatoes and scrubbing out the walk-ins (refrigerators)," she said. "If the chef would inspect it and not be pleased, he would make you do it all over again." She graduated after four years but had an accident when a car ran into her on a motorcycle and was six months recovering at home in Carmel Valley where the Parsons live on Tierra Grande.

Lorie worked at Los Laureles Lodge and most recently on the front desk at the Pine Inn before she and her mother acquired Le Coq D'or.

Just then, Annelore, who had been bustling in the kitchen, emerged with yet another dish, my dessert. How could I possibly eat another bite, I thought. But there it was before me, a German-style crepe studded with plump purple blueberries, my favorite fruit. "It was my mother's recipe," said Annelore. Just a bite, I protested. One bite led to another and soon it had gone the way of the other dishes.

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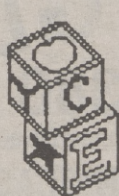
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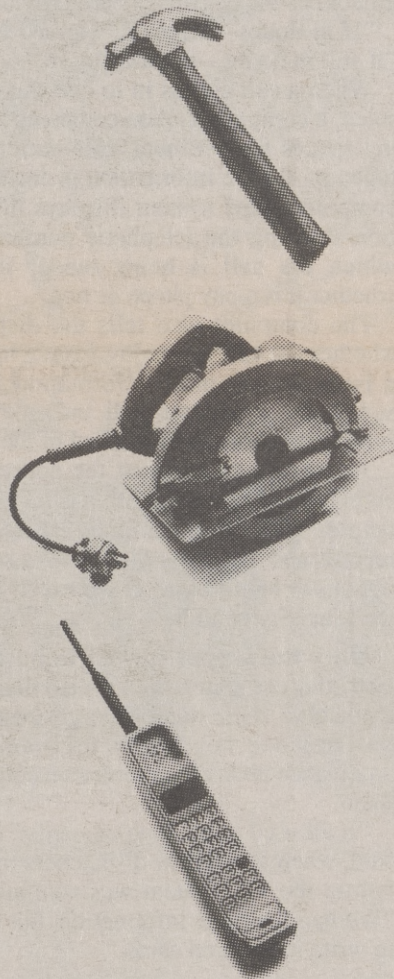


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911 Relies on Humans, Technology

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calls that come in?

"Domestic disputes, I'd say. They're probably the most frequent. It's not always spousal. Sometime it's parents and their children, or a dispute among neighbors," answered Crooke, an attractive brunette, who has managed Monterey Center since 1986.

Next in frequency among legitimate emergencies, she said, are crimes in progress and medical and fire calls.

"But we get a lot more non-emergency calls," she said, drawing a distinction between 911 lines and the seven-digit regular numbers for the sheriff's office or fire stations which are found in the telephone book. The number of non-emergency calls coming in on the 911 lines goes up when school is out, Crooke said.

Although many non-emergency calls come in over 911 lines, she said the emergency system in the county is not in danger of being overloaded. That is not the case in some big cities where the success of 911 is threatening to swamp it and undermine its efficiency.

Chief Gary Carmichael of the Mid Valley Fire Department, serving as chairman of the county's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee this year, said people often misuse 911 simply because it is the only place where they can reach a real human voice in an age of increasing use of answering machines and computerized voice mail.

"I don't want to see the county 911 system get overloaded with non-emergency calls," Carmichael said. "At the same time, I think we need to educate people so that they use 911 when it's really necessary."

"911 is a victim of its own success," Carmichael said. "We've slapped the numbers on anything that moves, and now people are calling it for every thing. It wasn't designed for that."

Liz Crooke agreed that non-emergency calls on the 911 system, while still not at a critical level, are a concern and frustration for her communications dispatchers. "They take away time and attention from real emergencies," she explained. "Things like complaints about barking dogs should be on the seven-digit line, not 911."

The other side of that, however, is that many people still use the seven-digit numbers to report emergencies when they should be dialing 911, she said.

Martin agreed with Crooke that the 911 system is not in imminent danger of being swamped. But he also agreed that education is needed to get people to use the system properly.

"It shouldn't be used for information calls," he said, explaining that many people call 911 just to try to learn what is going on. "After the earthquake, our lines were

jammed with people who were really just curious."

Asked when 911 should be used, Martin replied: "There are two primary situations. First, you should use 911 any time there is a potential threat to life—a medical emergency, from a crime or fire. The second is during an in-progress crime."

"The rest can be handled on the seven-digit lines," Martin said, quickly adding that a "gray area" would be if a resident returned home and found the door to his house kicked in but was not sure whether anyone still was inside. In that case, Martin said he probably would call 911.

Carmichael recounted cases, usually during a highly visible fire, where 911 lines would be tied up by people continuing to report it long after the first call was received and acted upon.

On the other hand, he recalled a fire in Mid Valley where people complained about how long it took firemen to respond. Checking back, Carmichael said all the witnesses told him they had not called 911, thinking someone else must already have done so.

If knowing when to rely on 911 can be difficult for users, it can be even more difficult for the communications dispatchers to know exactly how to respond to the calls they receive.

"You'll never get in trouble for sending too much," said Crooke when asked what guidelines the dispatchers are provided.

"If in doubt—dispatch," agreed Martin. "If still in doubt—dispatch more."

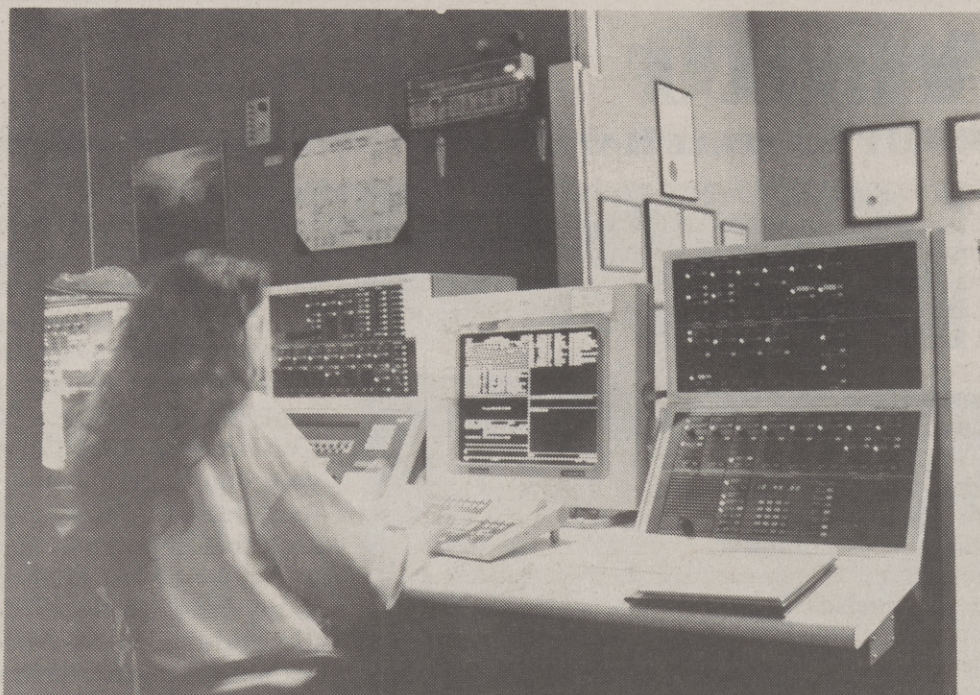
When a call comes in to one of the consoles, a computer screen comes up providing spaces for pertinent information to be typed in. As the information is entered, the computer-aided system displays information showing the telephone number from which the call is being made. It notes whether it is a pay phone or not.

The computer also tells the dispatcher whether the call is coming from a home or a business. As more information is provided, the computer will indicate which jurisdiction should be notified of the call.

An exception is when the address is a common one—such as Main Street, for example. Then, the computer searches its records and offers the dispatcher a series of options to help narrow down exactly where the Main Street address is.

Once the proper jurisdiction is identified, the computer screen also shows the dispatcher what other emergencies are in progress and how many fire, police and ambulance units are involved responding to them.

"It all used to be done on cards," Crooke said, when asked how dispatchers operated before the 911 system was computerized. "We had the same information, but we had to write it down on cards."



A COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER uses one of the state-of-the-art consoles in the county's 911 emergency dispatch system. This one is in the Monterey Center in the basement of the Monterey courthouse which handles calls from most of the peninsula. A larger center operates in Salinas to take care of the rest of the county. In total, the system handles more than a half million calls a year.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Monterey County has had a 911 system since 1974. "We were the first county in California to get it, I believe," Martin said.

The so-called enhanced or computer-aided system was introduced in 1984, and since then software enhancements have continually improved the systems capability.

"It's a great, great system," Martin said. "But it's just a tool. We don't want to become master to the device. We don't want our people to be so totally dependent on the computer that they fail to use their own judgment or experience."

"Judgment" is one of the first things Crooke mentions when asked how the

county determines who to hire as dispatchers. A former dispatcher herself who still likes to take a turn at the console when staff shortages occur, she said people are hired with or without previous experience if they do well on a "practical exam."

In addition to judgment, she said that exam looks for such attributes as the ability to retain facts, common sense, manual dexterity—using the console's buttons and keys efficiently—and the ability to do several things at once. She also said people were sought who were "self-motivators" and interested in doing a good job for the county.

All calls coming in on 911 or the seven-digit lines are tape recorded and a printout of the pertinent details is made for the files. Asked if the county ever had experienced a case in which the judgment of the dispatcher had been seriously challenged, he said, "No, thank God."

"Our people are extremely well trained—we spend an inordinate amount of time on it. But we do ask them to do a lot of discretionary decision making."

Both he and Crooke emphasized the importance of the dispatchers being able to control their emotions in a crisis.

"The voice over the phone is critical," said Martin. "We can't have people getting rattled or emotional."

"We want people on the other end of the phone to hear the dispatcher's instructions to the appropriate jurisdiction," Crooke said. "It's reassurance for them—reassurance that someone is responding to their call."



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DISCOVERY — THE LIVELY ARTS

BY BARBARA ROSE SHULER

The Western Stage at Hartnell conceived of and successfully produced one of the most ambitious productions ever seen in this region! The project took three years to complete and represents a huge investment of time, money and talent. The Salinas company possesses a quality which a woman I met once described as "galloping chutzpah."

Staging John Steinbeck's novel "East of Eden" as three separate full length plays produced from an original script, which calls for 40 actors to portray over 100 characters, is the kind of endeavor that would, for less intrepid or less gifted theater companies, spell disaster. For the Western Stage it has turned into its magnum opus, and a gift to the central coast of a brilliant presentation of a powerful work of literature by one of its native sons. There are two cycles left of the trilogy in the next two weeks. Seeing all three plays is a commitment of three consecutive evenings in Salinas. This is a rare opportunity. I recommend that you see the shows if you can, particularly if you are a fan of Steinbeck's writings.

The novel turns on the lives of two Salinas families, the Trasks and the Hamiltons. It spans three generations of struggles, successes and dreams. Steinbeck wrote the novel for his sons, to give them a deeper understanding of what life in the Salinas Valley was like at the turn of the century. The epic nature of the story emerges in the exploration of what it means for human beings to experience choice and redemption. Steinbeck, through his blazingly powerful writing, challenges men and women to take responsibility for their own redemption. He declares that we have choice, a birthright given to us by the deity as expressed in a precise though hidden way in the book of Genesis. We are responsible for ourselves. God has given us the tool for managing our own lives, that of saying no to the bleak harvest of evil in our own souls. We redeem ourselves through our own acts, by our own choices and need not succumb to pitiless fate. The right to choose is a recurring theme with Steinbeck. He perceives humanity as a self-evolving species.

The Western Stage has developed over the years a particular skill with its company that has made the script of "East of Eden" as adapted by Alan Cook a fluid, exciting vehicle for the novel. That skill is narrative-style performance. In ancient times this was experienced as the art of the Greek chorus. As such it is a venerable and powerful device for conveying exposition, commentary on the action and transitions between dramatic scenes. The entire company becomes the chorus in "East of Eden" with individual members moving in and out of the action segments as appropriate to portray Steinbeck's characters. The epic quality of the drama—boiling as it is with these questions of God, man and choice—does hark back to the great Greek tragedians—Euripides, Sophocles and Aeschylus.

With members of the company on stage at all times watching, commenting in Steinbeck's potent prose, making music, often moving in choreographed rhythms inspired by the text, the audience never loses this heroic dimension of the drama. The fine detail of the novel also remains throughout in carefully developed characters, precise descriptions of the Salinas Valley and its people with their concerns and activities. Robert Brill, another native Salinan, has designed a set which brilliantly embraces the drama. The main stage of Hartnell has literally been gutted and remodeled for this performance. A huge backdrop rises above a large raked stage. Downstage beyond the edge of the raked portion lies a wide trough of dirt. The wings are not masked. We see the tall, wide banks of lights, the racks of costumes and members of the crew walking about. Only darkness obscures what we normally think of as backstage. Brill's set projects a raw elemental power. The design is bold and radical, impeccable in its expression of the spirit Steinbeck's epic.

Tom Humphrey, the madman-genius behind the creation of "East of Eden" at the Western Stage, directs in a fluid, attentive manner. The givens are an excellent group of performers spiced with equity actors; a dedicated, capable technical crew; gifted writers and editors; great literature; hometown appeal and a history of success. Humphrey uses these extraordinary basics to the fullest and like a great maestro with a mighty symphony offers an emotionally charged, brilliantly executed performance. The evening that I attended the last play in the series, the audience spontaneously rose in a standing ovation, cheering, clapping, obviously overwhelmed with the magnitude of the achievement—in my view an appropriate tribute the three years of effort put into this project.

As already indicated, the ensemble work in "East of Eden" is superb. All forty some actors deserve mention. However, the performances that merit highest praise are as follows.

Equity actor Danny Kovacs plays patriarch Cyrus Trask and later appears as Trask's son in his later years. Kovacs performance in these two roles is strong, penetrating and psychologically rich. As a casting device putting this actor in both roles works magnificently as we see clearly the shadow of the father in the son. The moment of redemption belongs to Adam, the son, at his deathbed but embraces three generations. With Kovacs in both roles the moment carries an extra dimension of power. Rollie Dick, a long time company member, is at his finest as Sam Hamilton, the good-hearted Irishman who settles in Salinas with his wife and many children. Dick's warmth, humor and humanity as Hamilton is a fulcrum upon which this production balances. Hamilton—the philosopher, the humorist, the loving father, the inventor, the rascal, and seeker of truth—embodies the best of these very human people in Steinbeck's novel. Dick's portrayal of the man is a high point of the of the trilogy. As his earthy, loving wife Donna Federico also shines brightly.

Multiple casting is effectively used to portray the younger and older periods in many of the characters lives. As Cathy Ames, the unredeemed dark force in the story, actresses Jennifer Wymore, Ibi Janko and Wendy Appleton are all splendid. They create the foil for the rest as a the woman whose inner darkness poisons and destroys those who cross her path. This Lilith character challenges her victims to choose the light by the sheer force of her destructiveness. David Kim, another equity actor, plays Lee the Chinese servant of the Trasks whose intelligence, care and wisdom makes it possible for the darkness to be banished for the third generation. Kim is wonderful, poignant and potent in this role.

In concluding my brief reflections on this amazing creative accomplishment of the Western Stage, I offer my personal thanks to the company for conceiving of and carrying out the staging of "East of Eden." I find it satisfying on many levels, not the least of which is pride in the people of this region. The literary excellence of native born Steinbeck, the vision and capacity of the theater artists of the Western Stage and the joyful response of the audience made for an unforgettable experience—one which I hope you can share!

Author Clive Cussler Will Speak At Carmel Library on Friday

Author Clive Cussler will speak about underwater exploration Aug. 21 at the Harrison Memorial Library in Carmel. The event, part of the Authors-By-the-Sea series will begin at 8 p.m. in the library's reading room with limited tickets at \$12 available currently at the circulation desk.

Cussler has written 11 adventure/mystery novels including *Treasure*, *Raise the Titanic*, and his current best seller *Sahara*. Cussler will donate his time, and all proceeds will be used for purchase of books for the library.

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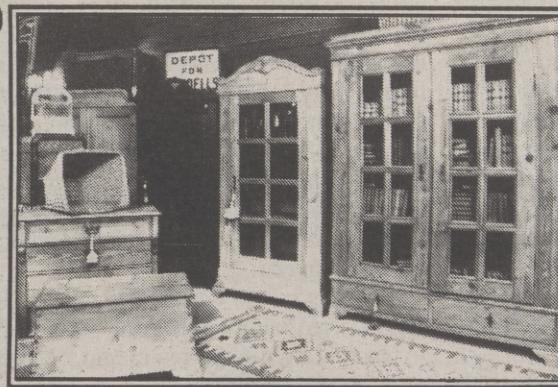
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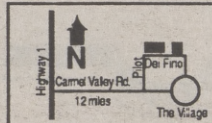
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FUN-IN-THE-SUN

BY DAVE LYON

My Golden Retriever, Zack, would like me to remind you all that these are the Dog Days of August. Whatever that means. (Does anyone out there know what it means? Zack won't tell me.) Seriously, the summer may be waning, but the fun goes on. Your Carmel Valley Community Youth Center has a multitude of events continuing through the fall as well as an

only, please—no little folks, no dogs.

In sports news, our own Carmel Valley Aquatics team brought the silver medal home last weekend following a hotly contested match at Hartnell College. Way to go, guys! The next meet will be Labor Day weekend at MPC. Seems like every Valley kid and their brother is involved this year. In other sports headlines, we are pleased to



HOMEFIRE will be one of two bands entertaining at a free concert Sunday at Carmel Valley Community Youth Center. They will join Strictly Country for the latest Music in the Park. It gets underway at noon, marking the third year they have entertained at the Community Center-sponsored "A Day in the Country."

endless on-going variety of exciting things to do.

This coming Sunday brings the next in our CVCYC free Summer concert series. Do not, we repeat, do not, miss Strictly Country and Homefire at the Community Center Park Aug. 23.

Bring the family, bring your friends, bring the dog, sit on the grass, soak up the sun, enjoy the music. Stuff your own picnic basket or come enjoy homemade chili, hot dogs and hamburgers. Soft drinks for the kids, beer for the big kids. Leftovers for Zack. This concert is always fun. The festivities get underway at noon and don't stop until the cows come home.

Speaking of leftovers, Coach Di Whitesides reports that ugly swimsuit is still waiting at the pool for someone to claim it. But there's no need to rush down there all at once, because the swimming season continues through October this year. Or until the pool freezes over or hockey season starts, whichever comes first.

In the meantime, the pool is still the place to be or be seen. Family swimming is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday through Fridays, with adult swimming happening 6-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adults

report there is no truth at all to the rumor that Bob Lurie has sold your CVCYC softball team to Tampa Bay as reported earlier.

Did you know that the Valley's own Randy Randazzo broadcasts live every day at 4:30 p.m. on radio station KIEZ, 54 AM? Tune in to find out about up-coming and on-going Carmel Valley events and activities. We've got a lot of good things going on in our Valley, folks. Get informed, then get involved.

Speaking of which, you guys at Kiwanis did a bang-up job with the Fiesta this year (as usual). It sure was great to see the community come out together and enjoy the beautiful weekend. (Zack thought it was too hot, but I told him Gene Erner planned it that way.) And a big thanks from the CVCYC board to every one who stopped by our soda booth. The money we raise goes towards keeping your Community Center looking good and going strong. As Bartels and James would say, "Thank you for your support."

And this just in—your CVCYC is thinking of organizing a local dog show (Memo to Zack: Lay off the ice cream.) More details on this to follow.

Baldwin Predicts New School Would Require Rio Road Extension for Access

School Superintendent Vance Baldwin said that Rio Road probably would need to be extended to provide access if the district is successful in replacing River School with a new elementary facility near Middle School.

Baldwin outlined the district's hopes for a new elementary school before the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) monthly meeting.

The district would like to make enough money from the sale of River to pay for the new school, Baldwin said, and has hired a consultant to determine whether that might be possible.

Located at 15th and Monte Verde outside of Carmel, River is on a little more than four acres, offering no room for expansion or needed additional parking. Constructed in the 1950s, officials also complain that the structure is poorly built and difficult to upgrade.

Baldwin said that if the parcel were divided into four parcels per acre it could mean 16 lots which could sell for \$300,000 to \$450,000 each. "That almost gives us the \$6 million," Baldwin said.

Ileene Crane-Franks, a CVPOA board member and a real estate broker, warned Baldwin, "I think you'd find plenty of expense converting it to residential use."

Presently, access to Carmel Middle School is available only off Carmel Valley Road, a heavy traveled artery, particularly in the mornings when parents drop their children at school during commuter traffic.

The creation of additional traffic in the area at the mouth of the Valley probably would require that Rio Road be extended, Baldwin said.

On another matter, board member Roger Williams noted that Rana Creek Ranch several miles east of Carmel Valley Village has been using a water canon to irrigate.

"This is a monstrous use of water," Williams said.

"I don't doubt that he has the water rights," Williams added. He said the ranch is owned by Mike Markkula, who claims its water supply has nothing to do with the Carmel Valley water supply.

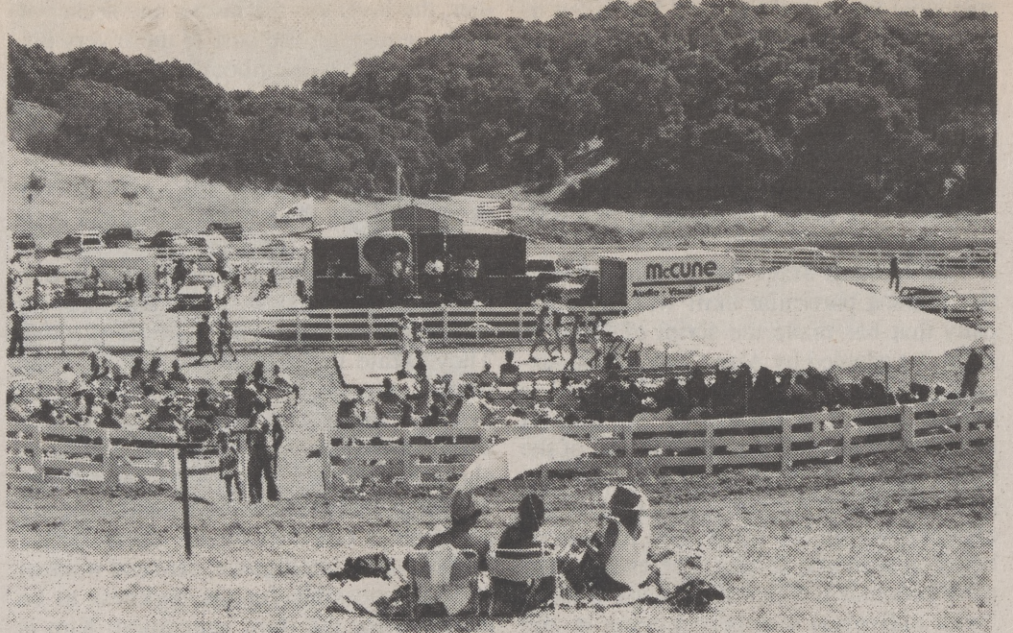
Williams also said Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman is holding a Sept. 11 meeting with some Valley residents to discuss Carmel Valley Road and changes to the Carmel Valley Master Plan. He said he didn't know whether proposed changes would relate just to Carmel Valley Road or might also reduce the total number of lots available for building in the Valley.

Board member Pete Salmonsens said as of June 9, the county said there were 572 lots of record in Carmel Valley with 144 permits issued and 428 remaining to be built on. Also 738 new lots have been authorized with 163 created and 575 remaining to be created, he said.

Former Mayor Laiolo Joins CCGG Board

Barney Laiolo, a three-time mayor who was defeated narrowly in Carmel's April 14 election by Ken White, has joined the board of directors of the Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG), Chairman Merv Sutton announced.

At the age of 82, Laiolo, garnered 800 votes in the closest mayoral race in 10 years. White won with 967 votes. The CCGG was formed prior to the election to inform voters on issues but did not support any candidates. Laiolo is recovering at home after surgery but planned to take part in the group's meetings in a few weeks, Sutton said.



SOAKING UP THE MUSIC AND THE SUN, concertgoers enjoyed the second annual Open Hearts Celebration at Holman Ranch Sunday. Some of the proceeds were earmarked to help offset the medical expenses of Clem Savoldi, a Valley man suffering from cancer.

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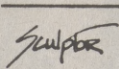
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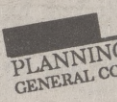
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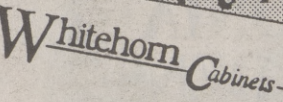

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Proposed Yankee Point Ocean House Stirs Neighbors' Ire

By Carolyn Rice

Calling the home planned for 56 Yankee Point "a monstrosity," 34 irate neighbors gathered at the oceanfront site Monday to oppose it.

After its two-and-a-half hour review at the site, the Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee voted 4-0 to deny approval of the contemporary home.

"You can see it for a mile each way. This is going to be the lighthouse," complained a neighbor, John Ratcliffe.

Plans call for a 33-foot high, 6,734 square foot home set on the edge of a bluff overlooking the ocean.

Wendie and Stephen Ryter, of Wayzata, Minn., have asked for variances to allow them to build the home within 12 feet of both adjoining lots and to cover a larger percentage of the lot than zoning codes allow. They have an option to buy the lot for a reported \$1.6 million.

"We don't want a Costco-like building within 12 feet of our homes," said the neighbor immediately to the north, Cary Wyatt. He also said that from Yankee Point beach, the flagged structure appears larger than a drive-in theater screen.

The plans will probably go before the Monterey County Planning Commission sometime in September, according to the advisory committee. The committee denied approval of the plans based on the height of the home, the austere design, the proximity to the bluff and the requests for variances on the sideyard setbacks and percentage of lot covered.

Judy and Bob Sayles, who own the house



YANKEE POINT NEIGHBORS raised objections to a large, modernistic style home planned for their neighborhood. Architect Mark Meryash showed a model at a Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee hearing at the site Monday afternoon.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

immediately to the south, said the glass front of their house would have a view of the 33-foot high wooden side of the new home if built as planned.

"I don't oppose having a house on the lot," said Judy Sayles. But she said she and her husband oppose the building of such a massive house which would be substantially higher than any other home in the neighborhood.

Elaine Gloodt, acting chair for the advisory committee, noted for the record that no representatives of the applicants were in attendance. "If the applicant does not show, I have to report that," she said. "The applicant was notified and was given every chance to be here. The county will look askance at this," she said.

At one point Gloodt called for a show of hands by those supporting the plan. None were raised. When she asked who opposed it, everybody's went up.

Mark Meryash, architect for the project, arrived an hour after the hearing started and immediately got into a verbal row with the neighbors. "You don't need to get fresh with me," he told one neighbor. An attorney for the applicant, Tony Lombardo, arrived two hours after the meeting began.

Neighbors questioned the accuracy of the lot survey and Meryash's model which depicted the house and lot. "You can ski on that," said nearby neighbor Dick Gorman, gesturing toward the model. "You can't ski on this," he said pointing to the bluff which drop almost vertically to the ocean.

Many of those who spoke against the home said they would not oppose a smaller home designed more in character with the neighborhood. "This monstrous building will be a blight on the neighborhood and the viewshed," wrote and his wife, Joanne,

world class view of the ocean and Yankee Point."

Meryash defended the request for a variance for the setbacks, saying that prior to enactment of a 1988 law which extended the setback distance to 20 feet, more than 80 percent of the homes in the neighborhood were built to comply with just 12-foot setbacks.

Neighbors asked Meryash if the house could be described as rural in character, as called for in the Carmel area land use plan. "This is not a rustic house, no," Meryash said.

Gary Varga, an attorney representing the Sayles and Wyatts, said the house would destroy coast buckwheat, a federally protected plant which is eaten by the Smith's blue butterfly, an endangered species.

Varga also said the variance which asked for a 16.3 percent coverage of the lot rather than the allowed 15 percent might be based on part of the lot which is under water during high tide. He said the house may cover even more than 16.3 percent of the .65 acre lot if the part which is underwater is eliminated from the calculations.

in a letter to the committee. "A more modest house on the site would still have a

Varga said "it seems the applicant is proposing one of the largest homes on one of the smallest lots in the Carmel Riviera. Additionally, it seems the home will have a monolithic appearance exceeding 30 feet in height on the coastal side."

Wyatt said there was also a possibility of native American Indian artifacts being on the lot, and the applicant would need an archaeological report on that.

Neighbors said they intended to ask the county to undertake another survey of the lot, questioning results which they said did not appear to reflect the geographic problems of the area. The said they feared potential erosion during and after construction, and one man told of a neighborhood photographic studio taken out by 25 foot high swells in 1982.

"The bluff underneath is not that stable," contended Wyatt, saying he feared for the stability his home if the new one should fall into the ocean.

Gloodt said the applicants' architect and attorney's position is that other homes in the neighborhood don't comply with the zoning and those home set the precedence.

Varga said that although many homes in the Carmel Riviera have on 12 foot side yard setbacks, he is not aware of any variances under the new 20 foot standard.

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Longtime Resident Doyt Early Dies

Doyt Early, a 33-year resident of Carmel Valley and longtime school architect for the state, died of cardiac arrest Sunday at Monterey Convalescent Hospital. He was 92.

A native of Ohio, he earned his degree in architecture from Ohio State in 1925 and was with the California Education Department's Bureau of Schoolhouse Planning from 1929 until his retirement in 1960.

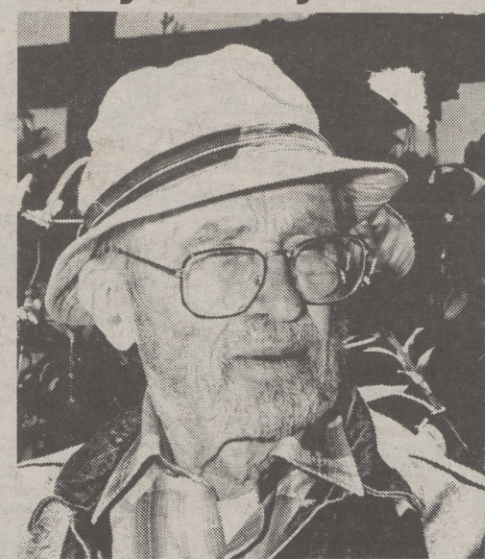
He once said he "built over 100 one-room schoolhouses all over rural California," calling them "the backbone of the state."

Doyt, whose wife, Blanche, died in 1983, was on the planning board for the Carmel Valley Community Center and helped with the design of its swimming pool. He also served on the Upper Valley Advisory Committee and was an active painter and drawer, regularly attending Saturday art classes at the Carmel Foundation up until just a few years ago.

He also was an avid gardener, spending time in his greenhouse filled with lilies, amaryllis and cymbidium orchids.

Survivors include a son, Alan C. Early of Sacramento, a sister, Mrs. Paul Kohl of Phoenix and two granddaughters.

No services will be held at his request. Following cremation, his ashes will be spread at sea.



DOYT EARLY

The family asked that any memorial contributions be sent to the Carmel Valley History Society, P. O. Box 1612, Carmel Valley, 93924, or to the donor's favorite charity.

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JOHN ERNST OF REDONDO BEACH speared a 19.7 pound Ling cod which was the largest catch of the day at the U.S. National Spearfishing Championships held in Carmel Bay on Friday.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

In Spearfishing Meet Perennial Winner Bags Biggest Fish

A perennial winner, Fire Capt. John Ernst of Los Angeles speared the largest fish Friday as teams from California, Hawaii and Florida competed in the 42nd annual U.S. National Spearfishing Championship in Carmel Bay.

The competitors wear wetsuits and dive without benefit of oxygen tanks, hunting with spearguns which operate on the same principle as a slingshot.

Eight three-man teams and two women's teams took off from the Carmel Lagoon beach at 10 a.m. and had to return back to the beach with their catch by 4:00 p.m.

Ernst said he swam with his paddleboard for about 45 minutes to fish in the Stillwater Cove area off Pebble Beach. He speared the winning 19.7 pound Ling cod off Pescadero Point in about 35 feet of water about 1 p.m., he said.

Ernst said he speared one fish in a cave in about 70 feet of water. He had to hold his breath for a couple of minutes on that dive, he said, and returned to the surface by pulling himself up a rock wall and then swimming. He said it's easier to pull back up over the rocks than to kick all the way back up.

Ernst has competed in contests since 1961 and has missed just one of the national competitions which was held in Connecticut.

"I have won 14," he said attributing his success to starting the sport at a young age and being able to hold his breath for a long time.

Carol Rose of Oakland, president of the Central California Council of Diving Clubs, said the divers earn points by the

weight and number of fish speared. The competitors are limited to catching no more than four fish of any one species and 20 fish in total.

The Department of Fish and Game weighed and measured all the fish speared and will compare the catch with that of the last competition held here in 1980. The fish that were speared were donated to the Monterey Peninsula Outreach Food Bank.

Bob Burres, a spearfisher from the East Bay Barnacles club in San Jose, said conditions for the contest were good with very, calm water and good visibility. He said most of the competitors know each other as not that many people take part in the contests.

"It's pretty competitive but pretty friendly, too," he said. The elimination round for this contest was held a year ago, and the world finals will be next summer off the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, he said.

The trick is getting close enough to a fish to take a shot, Burres said.

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Beer Truck Smashes into Office; Worker Escapes Serious Injury

Mac Wafford, an employee at Golden Valley Septic Systems, escaped serious injury Friday when a large, runaway beer delivery truck smashed into the office where he was working, knocking out the front wall.

Wafford said the door of his office at Village Drive and Center Street in Carmel Valley Village was open, he heard a noise when the truck hit a street sign and glanced up to see the reflection of the oncoming truck's grill in the door.

"I stood up and turned my back—and wow," Wafford recalled. When the truck took out the front wall, either it or a bookcase hit Wafford in the back and knocked him about seven feet across the office where he hit and dented some metal file cabinets.

Wafford said the accident knocked his breath out of him and bruised him. He was transported to Community Hospital of the

Monterey Peninsula and was released after an examination, he said.

On Wednesday he said he was still pretty stiff and sore from his injuries and was recuperating at home.

He predicted it would take a couple of weeks to rebuild the office and straighten out the damage. Another employee of the business, which is owned by Dan Weiss, said the amount of damage still has not been determined.

The truck had been parked near Kasey's Convenience Store while a delivery was being made when it started to roll down the hill, crossed Carmel Valley Road and crashed into the office.

A California Highway Patrol spokesman said the emergency brake had been set by the driver, but did not hold. The CHP is looking into issuing the owner of the vehicle a citation for operating it with defective equipment, he said.

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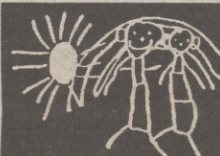
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2961 BIRD ROCK ROAD. Richard M. and Nancy M. Estill to Jerome A. Adams. \$200,000.

Town Hall Meeting

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Carmel. She suggested a shuttle from satellite parking areas and improved bicycle trails also would help.

In an outline of the city's ordinance banning residential rentals of less than 30 days, City Attorney Don Freeman said he believed there would be 99 percent compliance once people realized the city was serious about enforcement. The U.S. Supreme Court recently let stand a lower court ruling which had upheld the ordinance.

Freeman praised the city for carrying on the successful fight for the ordinance, first proposed in 1981. "This type of case we couldn't have endured without the support of the residents."

Freeman said house swapping is not prohibited under the ordinance so long as no money changes hands. People can continue to let others use their homes if they don't charge a rental fee.

There are 350 to 400 houses in the residential area that have been used for short term rentals, he said. Breaking the ordinance is an infraction of the law punishable by a fine of \$50 for the first offense but Freeman said the council planned to increase that to \$100 a day in September and to make it a misdemeanor if there are three violations in a year.

"We're doing it on a complaint basis," he said. "For those people who won't listen, we will go to court."

In response to questions, he said the traditional renting of houses for the annual Bach Festival or such events as the U.S. Open were illegal. Landlords have obtained as much as \$1,500 a night and more for such rentals, according to local reports.

Asked about renting rooms, Freeman said the city could not control that practice which was made legal as a result of a Santa Barbara lawsuit that led to what is called "the extended family concept."

Realtors Hit New Remodeling Rules; Ask for Water Retrofit Credit Return

Local Realtors complained Monday night that they never would have supported a change in rules governing water use in remodeling projects if they had known that credits earned by retrofitting water-using devices would no longer be allowed.

A letter from Rick Smith, president of the Monterey Carmel Council of Real Estate Boards, strenuously objected that the elimination of the past practice of allowing credits "was never disclosed as an intent or an implication of the ordinance."

Read by Executive Director Sheryl McKenzie, the letter referred to the adoption of Ordinance No. 62 by the directors of the water management district last month. The changes it provided became effective Aug. 1, touching off widespread complaints.

Those complaints were led by the City of Carmel, which asked at the very least that some 20 projects that were in process hoping to use retrofit credits should be allowed to go forward.

A spokeswoman from the County Planning Department appeared before the water management directors Monday night. Saying she was appearing at the request of Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, she made the same argument on behalf of some 53 residents in the county who were in the process of getting their permits to remodel based on using retrofit credits when they were suddenly cut off.

Brian Roseth of the Carmel Planning Department attended the board meeting, but he did not address board members about Carmel's complaints. Asked why, he told the Sun he preferred to work through a meeting of the water board and city staffs scheduled for Tuesday.

Board Chairman Dale Hekhuis has indicated he agrees that some sort of relief ought to be made available to those who

were in process when the change became effective.

"In all the discussions, workshops and public hearings, the only reference to credits was in the context that credits could not be used in addition to the proposed 10 fixture units that would be allowed by Ordinance No. 62," Smith's letter said. "We agreed to that exclusion, but would not knowingly have agreed to the total elimination of credits."

The ordinance not only ended retrofit credits, it required any jurisdiction approving a remodeling project to agree to have its future water allocation debited for the water the project would use.

Smith's letter argued that a jurisdiction should not be debited for a full remodeling project when some of the additional water use would be offset by retrofitting.

Declaring the Realtors fully supported directors desire to allow residents to add one luxury bath or two plain ones, but said: "we question the intent and implementation of Ordinance No. 62. Directors should require a public review of the staff implementation procedures of all ordinances (especially the controversial ones) to make certain the intent of the policies adopted is interpreted correctly."

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White Wants Balance on Commission

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Poohar joined the parking committee Thursday just long enough to say he was willing to serve but would step down until the council approved his appointment if that was what the mayor wanted. A plain-spoken man, Poohar had commented in recent months on such controversial city projects as Murphy Park to the displeasure of the staff and some council members. He also protested the previous city council action taking the responsibility for such city projects away from the commission. Mayor White has agreed to give this responsibility back to the commission.

After Poohar announced his resignation to the planning commission, Kennedy, also an attorney, said, "I, too, am shocked and saddened...I relied on his legal skills...his dedication to the commission. It is a shame he was not allowed to continue with his term."

In his praise of Poohar, Miller said, "His knowledge of the codes and the General Plan go far beyond what I would ever hope to have. It is a significant loss to the city to lose someone that has this understanding."

Miller said that Poohar enforced the codes and the general plan "to the hilt" even though he did not necessarily agree with it all.

Ramsey said she was worried about the direction the city was going. "I am proud to be a property owner," she declared. "I am proud to be in business in this city."

"It's really too bad that we will not have the use (of the vice chairman) and I shared those feelings with the mayor."

Among the use permit applications approved without debate, all on 5-0 votes, was the request of the General Store/Forge in the Forest at Junipero and Fifth Avenue for a private 12-seat dining room and new washrooms after owner Dan Glosser

dropped a request to serve breakfast. A request for a bakery and gourmet food store was denied. Ramsey said the commission had no choice but the council could change the rules or make new rules that would permit such a facility.

A request by Bruno's Market to have an outdoor patio with seating for delicatessen-type food was denied at the recommendation of the staff which said it should wait until final action on proposed commercial zoning changes that might encourage outdoor eating. The commission approved the retroactive installation of a wishing well outside the market at the corner of Junipero and Fourth Avenue.

At previous hearings, commissioners had indicated they thought the entire Junipero corridor between Fourth and Fifth Avenues should be given special attention because it was becoming so congested.

Also approved 5-0 was a use permit for Jack Higson for a new single family residence at the northeast corner of Camino Real and 11th Avenue. Consideration of all three use permits took just 35 minutes.

With Hardy gone, the commission then considered agenda items which did not require five affirmative votes for approval.

Civic Groups Find Some Common Ground on Zoning

The leaders of two civic groups who often found themselves at odds have joined forces in an attempt to solve the commercial zoning problems that have "plagued" Carmel for nearly two years.

The Planning Commission will hold a final meeting Aug. 26 on its proposals to simplify the central commercial (CC) zone and to extend its boundaries to Fifth and Seventh Avenues from where they now run in the center of the blocks. The schedule calls for the commission's proposals to be forwarded to the City Council for a joint

Jean Grace Not Surprised at White

Former Mayor Jean Grace, who fought a lengthy battle to keep the mayor's right to nominate Carmel Planning Commissioners, said she was not surprised that her successor wants to re-examine an ordinance he backed removing that prerogative.

"Of course he's going to have to bring it back," Grace told the Sun. "It was unworkable from the beginning which is why (Councilman) Bob Fischer and I voted against it. It is an unworkable, terribly burdensome and terribly complex ordinance for choosing Planning Commissioners in such a small city."

Grace said, "You need to get the best people you can for this job, no matter what their background, no matter what they do for a living. It's really irrelevant what they do for a living. But, it's been such a nasty business that a lot of people want to keep out of it."

Grace said she had done a lot of reading this summer, "and one of the things that becomes very clear to me is that the Planning Commission really is mandated under state law to be the commission in charge of planning zoning changes."

"It seems clear to me that when they do disagree with the council they really need to say how they feel. They are a very impor-

tant body under state law."

Shortly after his election April 14, White instructed the commissioners not to address the Council during meetings. He said if individual commissioners had anything to say about an issue before the Council they must address it through the staff.

"The Council never likes it when the commission gives its opinion and it differs vehemently from the Council," Grace said. "My understanding is that the commission has kind of a mandate to state their thoughts. When the Planning Commission doesn't think that a certain change to the General Plan is wise, they not only have the right to say that, that is their role."

When the ordinance which also provides for specific criteria was passed, Grace said, "I thought this was never going to work because the people who are most interested in serving the city as Planning Commissioners are people who are vitally interested in those issues, housing and preservation of historic sites and buildings and so forth, and so naturally it's people who are in the building trades, including Realtors and architects and contractors who by natural inclination are the most interested in those subjects."

session Sept. 15 with final action tentatively set for Oct. 20.

Alan Williams and Howard Nieman of Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG) met Saturday with David Maradei, president of the 500-member Carmel Residents Association (CRA), to discuss both zoning and the city's budget problems. (See story on page 3.) Earlier Merv Sutton, CCGG chairman, said his group wanted to work with the CRA to find a solution.

At issue, according to Maradei, are the

seven uses that are currently allowed in the CC zone but not in the service commercial (SC) zone—tourist information and tour operators, antique stores, delicatessens, art galleries, jewelry stores, candy, nuts and confection shops, gifts and souvenirs, cigar stores, and t-shirt shops.

"The Planning Commission wants to allow those uses in the SC zone," he said. "The CRA and the CCGG are trying to find a common ground to see if our differences are that great on those specific issues. We

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CELEBRATING HER 89TH BIRTHDAY Virginia Stanton of Carmel Valley was given an annual stag birthday luncheon by a group of all-male admirers on Aug. 10. From left to right, Richard LaSalle, Emile Norman, Mateo Lettunich, Gordon Paul Smith, Mike Stanton, Sidney Lee, Mrs. Stanton, Kenneth Ehrman, Burney Threadgill, Dalton Hatch, W.W. Downer, Christopher Dix, Dr. Edward Ballengee, Thomas Tonkin, Joseph Truskot, and Dr. Ned Prothro. Photo by Tom McCartney

Civic Groups Meet on Zoning Issue

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have met, discussed it and are going to take our ideas to our boards, meet again and hopefully come to some consensus which everybody is beginning to recognize we must have."

Maradei quoted Rep. Leon Panetta in his remarks on national budget matters, saying, "As Panetta has talked about this is a compromise process not a process whereby one side wins and one side loses. We meet, find those things that we agree on, and move forward from there."

"I always feel good when we find that we are not that far apart. Certainly there are areas we can talk about. It is my belief that we can reach consensus."

Maradei declined to say what areas of agreement there were until he presented it to his board of directors. But, he said, "We all agreed that it must go through the process. Maybe it would be a recommendation to the Planning commission, evaluation by the Planning Commission as to its merits."

If it is agreed that it has merit, them moving that through the process from the commission to the council could resolve "a problem that has plagued the city for the past two years."

The City Council directed a zoning study by the commission late in 1990. After a series of hearings, the commission presented its proposals to the council last winter. The council acted on the recommendations and sent the issue back to the planners who held another series of meetings, the last of which is next week.

Hopkins' Biologist Will Lecture On Marine Station History

David Epel, a Hopkins marine biologist, will lecture on The History of Hopkins Marine Station on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Chautauqua Hall, 16th and Central, Pacific Grove. Admission is free but seating is limited.

New Remap Initiative Planned

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34 percent of the county's population. Does that entitle them to two out of five seats on the Board of Supervisors? I don't think so."

When the group's first referendum was declared valid for the general election ballot Nov. 3, Rosales said the supervisors had the option of starting over again with the redistricting process, but they elected to let the court and voters resolve the issue. "They would like the court to do it for them," she said.

Not content to stand by and watch, the Fair Representation Committee drew its own map which it presented to Judge Ingram. That is the same map that the group will be asking voters to put on the ballot.

Ingram also will be looking at a map submitted by La Raza which would split Carmel Valley between two districts. Carmel Valley residents have expressed dismay over this possibility.

The other map before Ingram is the one adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 7. That map was created by Chairwoman Karin Strasser Kauffman in conjunction with La Raza and announced in a joint press conference on the courthouse steps on March 20.

Under that plan, Hispanics would have one 67 Hispanic majority district and one with a 61 percent majority. The Raza group opposes a district with 51 percent majority provided by the Fair Representation Committee, claiming it includes children and non-citizens and would not translate into a voting majority.

Rosales said she does not know what will happen to the new referendum if enough signatures are obtained for it to be placed on the ballot and in the meantime the court decides the matter.

The petition needs 16,370 signatures to be placed on a June 1993 special election

ballot, according to Brad Clark, county registrar of voters or 8,190 to be placed in the next statewide election which will not be held until June 1994.

The group has 180 days to circulate the petition, Clark said. Organizers said they hope to collect the necessary signatures during the fair but will continue the drive if needed.

If approved by voters, the group's map would still need to be cleared by the Justice Department before it could take effect, according to County Counsel Douglas Holland. If the Justice Department rejected a map approved by voters, the county would probably have to take the matter to court for a decision, Holland said.

Many lawyers are currently involved with the redistricting issue representing the County, Marina-Seaside, the Fair Representation Committee and La Raza. The Supervisors hired a Los Angeles attorney to represent the county, allotting \$75,000 to pay him. If the La Raza group prevails in the court action, the County also will be obliged to reimburse that group for several hundred thousand dollars of legal fees.

Fire Drill Planned at Robles del Rio

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imize property loss and a third priority is to extinguish the fire.

The tactics for achieving those goals includes, evacuation of threatened citizens, utilization of "hit and run" tactics to minimize structure fires, use of flanking actions, air attack and mutual aid units to extinguish the fire and measures to protect the safety of emergency workers.

The plan describes the Robles del Rio area as a neighborhood containing some 500 homes in an area of almost "solid,

uninterrupted oak tree canopy" cover. It said water mains, although upgraded from earlier years when the area was mostly vacation cabins, still are undersized.

"Road access is limited to one two-lane bridge over the Carmel River. This is the only way in or out of the area since the area is physically separated from any other access by the river. A network of winding, narrow roads serves the entire area. The roads themselves would offer little protection as firebreaks because of the oak tree canopy," the plan said.

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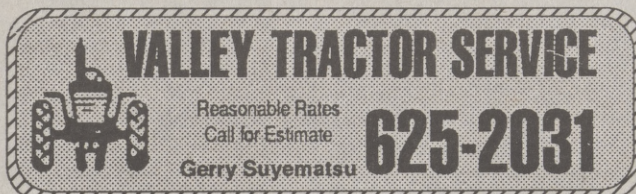
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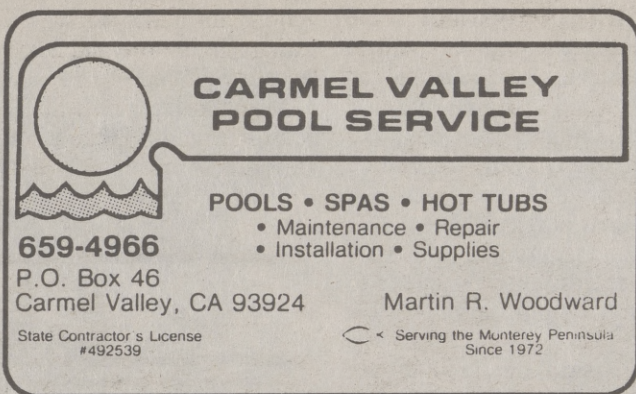
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Group to Seek Voter Approval Of Its Own Redistricting Map

By Carolyn Rice

The group which gathered enough signatures to force a public vote on a county-approved redistricting map said it planned a similar drive to win approval of its own plan for new supervisors' districts.

Calling itself "do-it-yourself government," the Monterey County Committee for Fair Representation said it will start collecting signatures for a referendum to bring its redistricting map before voters at the Monterey County Fair Aug. 22-30.

If successful, the new referendum could wind up either on the special election ballot next June or in a general election in June of 1994. Meantime, elections for three of the five supervisors' posts have been delayed by the fight over the redistricting.

Mainly made up of North County residents, the group said it hoped voters will say no to the map approved by the Board of Supervisors April 7 because it splits North County and connects part of North County with South County.

Joy Rosales, co-chair of the Fair Representation Committee, said the map developed by her organization creates compact, logical districts, including one with a 64 percent Hispanic majority and one with a 51 percent majority.

It puts Seaside and Marina together in District 4 to maximize Asian and African American voter effectiveness, she said, and unites Pebble Beach in District 5, while keeping both North and South County as geographical units.

The map adopted by the Board of Supervisors in April was the second one it approved. An initial plan had been approved in November, but it was challenged in federal court by the La Raza group as providing inadequate Hispanic political leverage.

"Our board of supervisors is paralyzed," said Rosales. "I don't think they are the least bit inclined to do anything." She calls her group which has a core membership of about 24 people "do it yourself government."

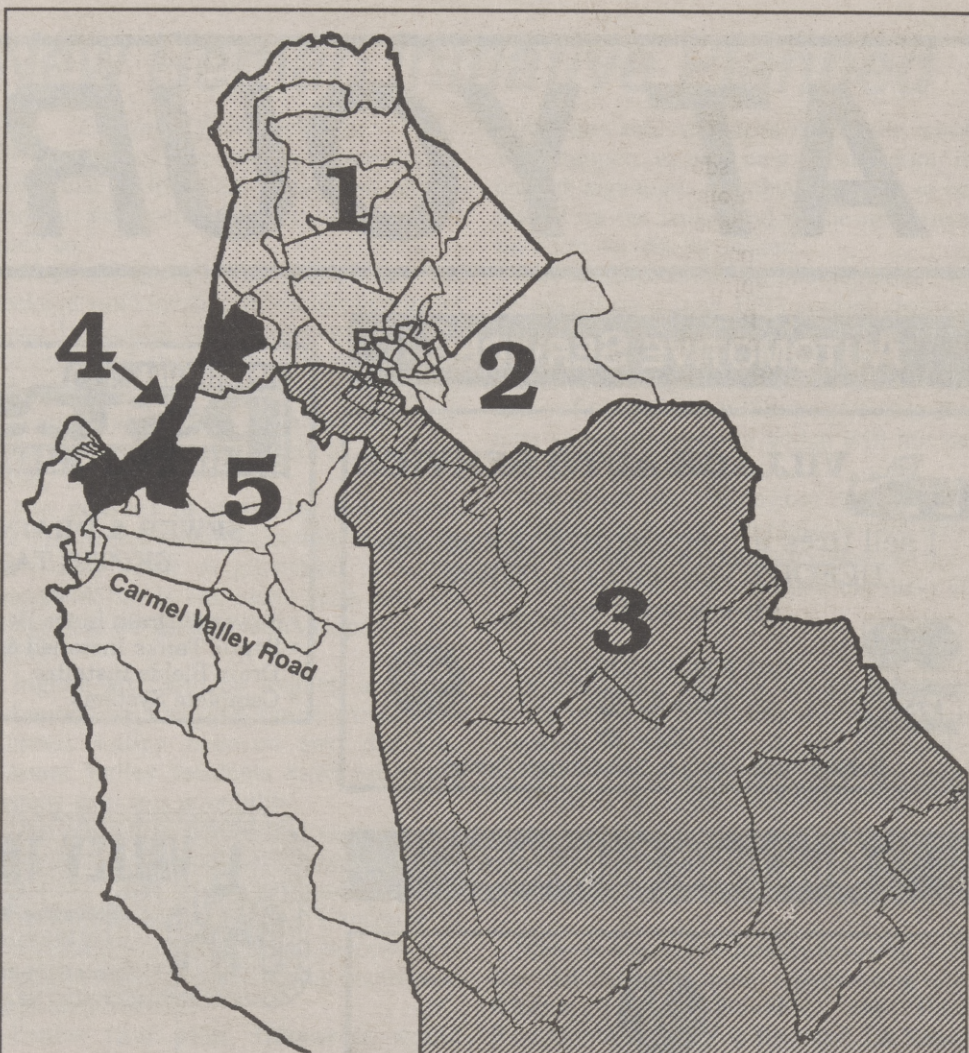
The redistricting of the supervisors' districts, required to reflect the 1990 census count, is currently in the lap of U. S. District Court Judge William Ingram in San Jose who will begin a trial on the matter Sept. 8.

The Fair Representation Committee gathered more than 18,000 signatures for the first referendum it pursued. If passed by voters this referendum would reject the second map adopted by the supervisors.

"That map puts 95 percent of our county's biggest business—agriculture—in one district," Rosales said, referring to District 3. "What happens if you give agricultural just one vote one the Board of Supervisors?" she asked.

When questioned whether Hispanics would ever agree to the 65 and 51 percent Hispanic majorities on the map being pursued by the Fair Representation Committee, Rosales responded: "They have

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A REDISTRICTING MAP CREATED by the Monterey County Committee for Fair Representation keeps North County in District 1, places Seaside and Marina in a District 4, has Pebble Beach altogether in a District 5, and creates Hispanic majority districts of 65 and 51 percent in District 2 and 3 respectively. The Fair Representation Committee is plans to circulate a referendum petition which if successful will bring the map to a public vote in June of 1993 or 1994.

State Wants People Out of Cars

First Town Hall Session Hears About Parking, Rentals

By Isabelle Hall

About 60 people, including the City Council and numerous city commissioners, turned out Monday night for Mayor Ken White's first Town Hall meeting to hear how Carmel will cope with state-mandated parking and driving restrictions.

"Would every one be willing to pay a fee to park in front of their own tax-paid-for property?" questioned longtime resident Ann Woolworth as Alan Williams explained how Carmel was being required to force people out of their cars with such means as permit-only parking in the residential areas.



ALAN WILLIAMS

Williams, chairman of the Ad Hoc Parking Committee, described proposals to set up permit parking on a block-by-block basis, charging residents one fee and workers of local businesses another as the first step in compliance with a state-mandated Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO). (See separate story on page 5.)

"If people don't want to pay, they don't have to buy into the program," Williams told Woolworth. He said it would cost residents \$4 for a permit and the cost would not be in addition to the \$4 they now can pay to park longer in downtown area time zones.

Williams said his committee had found that 500 local employee cars were parked at any one time on a daily basis in the residential area. It proposed that the employees, or their employers, be charged \$1 a day—"the price of a can of Coke"—which would total \$20 a week to get a permit to park in residential areas that would be designated for that purpose.

"We can take the money generated and give it away as free bus passes," he said. "I see a lot of disappointed faces who just want cars out of their neighborhoods. This is a stepping stone approach. The City Council has to determine how much to charge so you can build prudent plans for a parking facility."

One man, who said he lived at 9th and Dolores surrounded by churches and public buildings which took up all the parking, said, "The people who ran for office promised us something can be done...We're fighting just to get out of our house."

"We are going to be mandated by the state to take people out of their cars," Williams said. "Once you start charging, people will back out and once you start



DIANE WHITE

forcing people into mass transit and car pools, the ultimate result will be to take parking out of the R-1 and leave it for the residents only.

"The immediate benefit is that when the visitor leaves the commercial area to find a parking place, he will find permit parking



GREETING THOSE WHO TURNED OUT for the first Town Hall meeting he has called is Mayor Ken White. The Carmel Residents Association (CRA) supplied refreshments for the informal session.

Sun photos by Isabelle Hall

only. Day visitors will then not have a reason to go wandering through the residential district to try to find a parking place.

"How did you determine there were 500 cars when as early as 1983 there were thought to be 2,000 cars?" asked Jane

Mayer. Williams said there are approximately 2,000 cars but "they're not here at the same time."

Williams said the ordinances were mandated by the Monterey County Air Quality Control Board set up by the county—"a bureaucracy that's probably going to be worse than the water management district."

One resident wanted to know what happened to the \$11,000 in-lieu payments businesses were being charged by the city for one parking space.

Williams said the funds had been used to pay a share of the cost of parking at the Harrison Library Branch and at Vista Lobos. As to future charges, he said the committee proposed charging the users of Carmel's 1.1 million square feet of commercial space based on the impact of their use. Office space, for example, has been found to generate more trips per day than commercial shops.

Planning Director Diane White said there would be a car pool matching service that would have such information as the destinations, working hours and residence locations of everyone employed in



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